

By: Senator(s) Burton (By Request)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2020

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTION IN HEALTH  
3 CLASSES IN GRADES 9-12; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 37-13-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 37-13-131. (1) The State Department of Education is  
8 designated as the state agency responsible for the administration  
9 and supervision of the Comprehensive School Health Education  
10 Program as an educational curriculum in the State of Mississippi.

11 It is the intent of the Legislature that all funds made available  
12 to the State Department of Education for the purpose of  
13 comprehensive school health education shall be administered by the  
14 State Department of Education.

15 (2) Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
16 section, the State Department of Education is authorized to  
17 establish an Office of Comprehensive School Health Education  
18 within the framework of the State Department of Education for the  
19 purpose of developing standards, procedures and criteria for the  
20 administration and supervision of a statewide program of health  
21 education in Kindergarten through Grade 12. The State Department  
22 of Education, through the Office of Comprehensive School Health  
23 Education, shall assume the further responsibility for promoting a  
24 statewide effort designed to prepare local school faculties and  
25 staffs to incorporate the comprehensive health education concept  
26 into their local educational programs.

27           (3) The Mississippi Department of Health, in conjunction  
28 with the Office of Student Development-Branch of Health-Related  
29 Services of the State Department of Education, shall develop a  
30 long-range strategic plan for a Comprehensive School Health  
31 Education Program in Grades K through 12. The Comprehensive  
32 School Health Education Program shall encompass four (4)  
33 interdependent components: (a) health education; (b) health  
34 service; (c) physical education and fitness; and (d) a healthful  
35 school environment. These curriculum components shall be designed  
36 to develop decision-making competencies related to health and  
37 health behavior. Such curriculum components are intended to  
38 motivate health maintenance and promote wellness, not only to  
39 prevent disease or disability. The Mississippi Department of  
40 Health, in conjunction with the Office of Student  
41 Development-Branch of Health-Related Services of the Department of  
42 Education, shall develop the strategic plan and make a report  
43 thereon to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January  
44 1, 1995.

45           (4) The following words shall have the meanings ascribed  
46 herein unless the context clearly states otherwise:  
47 "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)" shall pertain to a procedure  
48 employed after cardiac arrest in which cardiac massage and  
49 mouth-to-mouth resuscitation are used to restore rhythm and  
50 breathing. All state accredited health classes in Grades 9  
51 through 12 shall teach Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to each  
52 student.

53           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
54 and after July 1, 1999.