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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1466

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 ANY HOSPITAL-SPONSORED SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CLINIC THAT WILL
3 PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE AND REFERRAL BASE FOR
4 ADOLESCENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT; TO LIST
5 SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED IN THOSE CLINICS; TO PROVIDE THAT
6 THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR SERVICES AT THOSE CLINICS TO ANY
7 STUDENT, CHILD OF A STUDENT OR FACULTY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL OR
9 REGIONAL HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH AND MANAGE ALL CLINIC POLICIES,
10 PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS; TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN
11 THOSE CLINICS TO FURNISH THE ON-CAMPUS SPACE NECESSARY FOR THE
12 CLINIC TO OPERATE PROPERLY; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVING
13 THOSE CLINICS TO COORDINATE THE OPERATION AND SERVICES OF THE
14 CLINIC WITH THE OPERATION AND SERVICES OF ANY SCHOOL NURSE
15 INTERVENTION PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE
16 CLINICS SHALL BE FUNDED FROM MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE
17 LEGISLATURE FROM THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; AND FOR RELATED
18 PURPOSES.

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

20 SECTION 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the well-being of
21 the students in the state's public education system are greatly
22 improved when hospital-sponsored health care clinics are available
23 in the schools.

24 (2) The Legislature declares that the public policy of the
25 State of Mississippi requires hospital-sponsored health care
26 clinics in the public schools in this state.

27 SECTION 2. (1) Any public school district may participate
28 in any hospital-sponsored school-based health care clinic that
29 will provide a comprehensive health care and referral base for
30 adolescents and children in the schools of the district.

31 (2) Services that may be provided in any hospital-sponsored
32 school-based health care clinic include:

33 (a) Health education: nutrition, hygiene, self care,
34 healthy lifestyle development, safety and violence alternatives;

35 (b) Screenings: vision, hearing and physical
36 assessment;
37 (c) Sports physicals: on-site physicals for school
38 sports;
39 (d) CLEA-certified laboratory: tests for strep
40 throats, mononucleosis and urinalysis;
41 (e) Injury stabilization;
42 (f) Primary care: evaluation and assessment of health
43 concerns, illness and chronic health problems;
44 (g) Networking: community resources and physicians;
45 and
46 (h) Mental health counseling.

47 (3) There will be no charge for services at the health care
48 clinic to any student, child of a student or faculty member of the
49 school district.

50 (4) School districts may partner with local or regional
51 hospitals to establish and manage all health care clinic policies,
52 procedures, protocols and operating licensures. All policies and
53 protocols used in a health care clinic will be in accordance with
54 the policies and protocols used by the hospital.

55 (5) Schools participating in a health care clinic must
56 furnish the on-campus space that is necessary for the clinic to
57 operate properly.

58 (6) School districts having clinics under the authority of
59 this section shall coordinate the operation and services of the
60 clinic with the operation and services of any school nurse
61 intervention program in the school district that is provided under
62 the authority of Section 41-79-5.

63 SECTION 3. Hospital-sponsored school-based health care
64 clinics authorized under Section 2 of this act shall be funded
65 from monies appropriated by the Legislature from the Health Care
66 Expendable Fund established under Section 43-13-407 and from any
67 other funds appropriated to or otherwise made available for the

68 purpose of the clinics.

69 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
70 and after July 1, 2000.