AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING AS A
CONDITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-13-131
AND 37-13-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM AND A COURSE OFFERED
THROUGH THE HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CPR TRAINING; AND
FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to all other requirements for
graduation prescribed by the State Board of Education and local
school boards, a student must successfully complete training in
cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in a high school as a
condition for graduation from a public high school in Mississippi.

SECTION 2. Section 37-13-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

37-13-131. (1) The State Department of Education is
designated as the state agency responsible for the administration
and supervision of the Comprehensive School Health Education
Program as an educational curriculum in the State of Mississippi.
It is the intent of the Legislature that all funds made available
to the State Department of Education for the purpose of
comprehensive school health education shall be administered by the
State Department of Education.

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

(3) The Mississippi Department of Health, in conjunction
with the Office of Student Development-Branch of Health-Related
Services of the State Department of Education, shall develop a
long-range strategic plan for a Comprehensive School Health
Education Program in Grades K through 12. The Comprehensive
School Health Education Program shall encompass four (4)
interdependent components: (a) health education; (b) health
service, including training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
(CPR); (c) physical education and fitness; and (d) a healthful
school environment. These curriculum components shall be designed
to develop decision-making competencies related to health and
health behavior. Such curriculum components are intended to
motivate health maintenance and promote wellness, not only to
prevent disease or disability. The Mississippi Department of
Health, in conjunction with the Office of Student
Development-Branch of Health-Related Services of the Department of
Education, shall develop the strategic plan * * *

SECTION 3. Section 37-13-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

37-13-151. * * * All local school districts shall provide
programs of education in home economics, in Grade 10, 11 or 12,
which include course work in responsible parenting and family
living skills. These programs shall contain instruction to
prepare students to understand children's physical, mental,
emotional and social growth and development as well as to assume
responsibility for their care and guidance, with emphasis and
training on nutrition, emotional health, physical health and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All such programs shall be subject to the approval of the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 37-31-205(1)(d).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.