

By: Representative Guice

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALLOW HOME SCHOOL
2 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the phrase "home
6 school student" means a child taught by private teachers, parents,
7 guardians or custodians in a legitimate home instruction program
8 as defined in the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law
9 (Section 37-13-91).

10 (2) Upon the request of a parent, guardian or legal
11 custodian of a home school student, A local school board must
12 register the student in a public school for purposes of
13 participating in any sports activities available to students in
14 the home school student's grade. A home school student applying
15 for registration in a public school to participate in a sports
16 activity or activities must reside within the attendance
17 boundaries of the school in which the student is seeking
18 registration. A request for registration in a public school under
19 this section must be submitted by the parent, guardian or legal
20 custodian before May 1, for participation in the sports activity
21 in the following school year.

22 (3) This section may not be construed to require any home
23 school student to register with any school district for sports
24 activity purposes.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2002.

