

By: Senator(s) Burton (By Request)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2044

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 THROUGH 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 meaning 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, 2002.

