

By: Representative Barnett (92nd)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 120

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

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

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

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

16 37-13-131. (1) The State Department of Education is  
17 designated as the state agency responsible for the administration  
18 and supervision of the Comprehensive School Health Education  
19 Program as an educational curriculum in the State of Mississippi.  
20 It is the intent of the Legislature that all funds made available  
21 to the State Department of Education for the purpose of  
22 comprehensive school health education shall be administered by the  
23 State Department of Education.

24 (2) Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
25 section, the State Department of Education is authorized to  
26 establish an Office of Comprehensive School Health Education  
27 within the framework of the State Department of Education for the  
28 purpose of developing standards, procedures and criteria for the  
29 administration and supervision of a statewide program of health



30 education in Kindergarten through Grade 12. The State Department  
31 of Education, through the Office of Comprehensive School Health  
32 Education, shall assume the further responsibility for promoting a  
33 statewide effort designed to prepare local school faculties and  
34 staffs to incorporate the comprehensive health education concept  
35 into their local educational programs.

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

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

55 37-13-151. \* \* \* All local school districts shall provide  
56 programs of education in home economics, in Grade 10, 11 or 12,  
57 which include course work in responsible parenting and family  
58 living skills. These programs shall contain instruction to  
59 prepare students to understand children's physical, mental,  
60 emotional and social growth and development as well as to assume  
61 responsibility for their care and guidance, with emphasis and  
62 training on nutrition, emotional health, physical health and



63 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All such programs shall be  
64 subject to the approval of the State Board of Education pursuant  
65 to Section 37-31-205(1)(d).

66 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
67 and after July 1, 2003.

