

By: Representative Moody

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1421

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN UNIVERSITY ON-CAMPUS
2 HOUSING TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGITIS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, an
6 individual enrolled in an institution of higher learning who
7 resides in on-campus student housing shall be vaccinated against
8 meningitis. An individual is exempt from vaccination if, after
9 receiving detailed information from the institution of higher
10 learning on the risks associated with meningitis and the
11 availability and effectiveness of available vaccine, the
12 individual or, if the individual is a minor, the parent or
13 guardian signs a written waiver stating that he/she has received
14 and reviewed the information and has chosen not to be vaccinated.

15 (2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require any
16 institution of higher learning to provide or pay for vaccinations
17 against meningitis.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2003.

