

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2194

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM USING NON-WOOD BASEBALL
2 BATS IN COMPETITIVE LEAGUE GAMES IN WHICH MINORS ARE PARTICIPANTS
3 AND WHICH TAKE PLACE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES OR IN CONNECTION
4 WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAGUE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature finds that there has been a
7 dramatic increase in the speed at which baseballs are propelled
8 off of non-wood bats, resulting in an increase in serious injuries
9 to children.

10 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

11 (a) "Non-wood bat" means any non-wood baseball or
12 softball bat, which shall include but not be limited to, bats made
13 of metal, titanium, scandium, aluminum or any other alloy
14 compound, and which shall not include wood, composite, laminated
15 or composite-coated wood bats. Such term shall include metal bats
16 that are approved for play upon verified test data indicating that
17 such bats perform, weigh and are balanced like wood bats.

18 (b) "Competitive game" means any organized baseball or
19 softball game at which a certified umpire is present.

20 (c) "Public school" means a public school located in
21 the State of Mississippi.

22 (3) No person shall use a non-wood bat in any competitive
23 baseball or softball game in which minors are participants and
24 which (a) takes places on public school property or (b) takes
25 place in connection with a public school sponsored or affiliated
26 baseball or softball league.

27 (4) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, the State
28 Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School

29 Accreditation, shall prohibit the use of non-wood baseball and
30 softball bats on public school property or public school league
31 games in accordance with this section as a minimum requirement for
32 accreditation.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2005.