

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2294

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A CELLULAR PHONE WHILE DRIVING  
2 A SCHOOL BUS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS THERETO; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for a driver of any  
6 school bus to use a cellular phone while operating the school bus.  
7 The prohibition in this subsection shall not apply: (a) when the  
8 school bus is parked in a safe area off of a street or highway; or  
9 (b) in an emergency situation.

10 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this section  
11 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be  
12 fined in an amount not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)  
13 for each offense.

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