

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2294
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A CELLULAR PHONE WHILE DRIVING
2 A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS THERETO; AND
3 FOR 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 public school bus to use a cellular phone while operating the
7 school bus. The prohibition in this subsection shall not apply:
8 (a) when the public school bus is parked in a safe area off of a
9 street or highway; or (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.