

By: Representatives Gunn, Fleming

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 461

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH
2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** In addition to the curriculum otherwise required
5 by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in the public
6 schools of this state, each student enrolled in the secondary
7 public schools shall be required to participate in not less than
8 three (3) class periods of physical education each week. However,
9 any student excused from physical education by a medical doctor
10 for reasons relating to the health of the student is exempt from
11 the requirement of this section. Students participating in
12 varsity athletics, marching band, cheerleading or any other
13 physical activity specified by the State Board of Education are
14 exempt from the requirement of this section.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a
16 separate code section in Chapter 13, Title 37, Mississippi Code of
17 1972.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2006.