

By: Senator(s) Chaney

To: Education; Public Health
and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2700
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AGRICULTURAL
2 SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT
3 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE; TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO
4 DEVELOP APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DISEASE TO BE
5 DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) Local school boards shall ensure that all
9 public schools and agricultural high schools provide parents and
10 guardians with information about meningococcal disease and the
11 effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease. Such
12 information may be provided through the school district Web site,
13 student handbook or other appropriate means of dissemination of
14 information. Such information shall be updated annually if new
15 information on such disease is available. This information shall
16 include the causes, symptoms and means by which meningococcal
17 disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may
18 obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.
19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local
20 school board or school to provide or purchase vaccine against
21 meningococcal disease.

22 (2) The State Board of Health shall develop and make
23 available educational materials appropriate for distribution so
24 that the information required by this section can be provided to
25 parents and guardians. The Department of Health may provide this
26 information, at its discretion, electronically, on its Web site.
27 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the
28 Department of Health to provide or purchase vaccine against
29 meningococcal disease.

30 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
31 2007.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2006.