

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018 AS
2 "TAKE YOUR CHILD FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP MONTH," AND ENCOURAGING
3 CITIZENS OF THE STATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS OBSERVANCE.

4 WHEREAS, many young Mississippi children and teens fall ill
5 due to chronic or acute disease that could have been prevented by
6 early diagnosis; and

7 WHEREAS, Mississippi children are known to be more likely
8 than their peers nationally to suffer from a wide range of
9 debilitating diseases including obesity, asthma, diabetes,
10 metabolic syndrome, seizures, mental health problems, and learning
11 disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, yearly medical check-ups are recommended by the
13 American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family
14 Physicians, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for
15 all school-aged children; and

16 WHEREAS, yearly medical check-ups allow medical providers to
17 diagnose possible health problems in children and to treat those



18 health problems in the early and most easily treatable stages of
19 the disease or condition; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research pointing to
21 better outcomes for children suffering from medical,
22 psychological, dental, vision, learning or other developmental
23 problems with early diagnosis and treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and treatment of these
25 problems, Mississippi children will have a better chance to live
26 full, productive lives; and

27 WHEREAS, schools, local communities, state businesses,
28 physicians and state health providers, government assistance
29 programs, and citizens share the burden of an unhealthy
30 population; and

31 WHEREAS, Mississippi physician Dr. Timothy Quinn, the
32 Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of
33 the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of
34 Family Physicians, and Jackson Public Schools have worked together
35 to create the JPS pilot School Health Initiative to encourage
36 school-aged children to learn about the importance of yearly
37 medical check-ups; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to provide
39 positive outcomes for the health and wellness of Mississippi's
40 youth, thereby improving the lives of all Mississippi citizens:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



43 THEREIN, That the month of August, 2018, be recognized as "Take
44 Your Child for a Medical Check-Up Month."

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

