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To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 3146
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROMOTE HUNTER SAFETY FOR CHILDREN BELOW LICENSE
2 AGE, TO REDUCE HUNTING ACCIDENTS OF SUCH CHILDREN; TO PROTECT THE
3 SAFETY OF SUCH CHILDREN; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CHILDREN UNDER 16
4 YEARS OF AGE TO TAKE HUNTER EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE AN ADULT TO BE
5 WITH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 12 WHILE HUNTING; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) To reduce hunting accidents of children
9 under license age, to protect the safety of these children and to
10 promote hunter safety, a child at least twelve (12) years of age
11 and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of
12 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by
13 the department before hunting in this state.

14 (2) A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the
15 presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt
16 hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is
17 hunting.

18 (3) There is no penalty for a violation of this section, but
19 to protect the safety of the child a conservation officer may
20 require the child to end the hunt and may unload the firearm and
21 may take the firearm and the child to an adult.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2000.