

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2336

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN UNIVERSITY ON-CAMPUS  
2 HOUSING TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGITIS; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, an  
6 individual enrolled in an institution of higher learning who  
7 resides in on-campus student housing shall be vaccinated against  
8 meningitis. Provided, however, an individual is exempt from  
9 vaccination if, after receiving detailed information from the  
10 institution of higher learning on the risks associated with  
11 meningitis and the availability and effectiveness of available  
12 vaccine, the individual signs a written waiver stating that he/she  
13 has received and reviewed the information and has chosen not to be  
14 vaccinated; or, if the individual is a minor, the parent or  
15 guardian signs such waiver.

16 (2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require any  
17 institution of higher learning to provide or pay for vaccinations  
18 against meningitis.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2003.

