

By: Representative West

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR
2 SPORTS MEDICINE SPECIALIST AT FOOTBALL GAMES AND OTHER HIGH SCHOOL
3 ATHLETIC EVENTS INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE
4 PARTICIPANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall require the
7 presence of a licensed physician or specialist holding a degree in
8 sports medicine at all high school football games, major contact
9 football practices and other athletic events commonly
10 characterized by a significant degree of physical contact between
11 the participants in the athletic event.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2004.