

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2764

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
3 CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES OF 12 AND 16; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-20.1. (1) (a) To reduce hunting accidents of children
8 under license age, to protect the safety of these children and to
9 promote hunter safety, a child at least twelve (12) years of age
10 and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of
11 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by
12 the department before hunting in this state.

13 (b) A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under
14 sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having the certificate
15 of hunter education required under this subsection if the child is
16 in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or
17 exempt resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when
18 hunting.

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

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

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