

By: Representative Clarke

To: Education; Public Health
and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 326

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL KINDERGARTEN CLASSES IN THE PUBLIC
2 SCHOOLS TO TEACH HEALTHY NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to the curriculum otherwise required
6 by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in
7 kindergarten in the public schools of this state, each public
8 school district shall include in all kindergarten classes
9 developmentally age appropriate instruction in healthy nutrition
10 and physical education designed to prevent or reduce the incidence
11 of childhood obesity. Any student excused from physical education
12 by a medical doctor for reasons relating to the health of the
13 student is exempt from participating in the physical education
14 required under this section.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a
16 separate code section in Chapter 13, Title 37, Mississippi Code of
17 1972.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2007.