

By: Representative Warren

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 549

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 PROVIDE PARENTS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE TO
4 JULY 1, 2009; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-11-61. (1) Local school boards shall ensure that all
9 public schools and agricultural high schools provide parents and
10 guardians with information about meningococcal disease and the
11 effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease. Such
12 information may be provided through the school district Web site,
13 student handbook or other appropriate means of dissemination of
14 information. Such information shall be updated annually if new
15 information on such disease is available. This information shall
16 include the causes, symptoms and means by which meningococcal
17 disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may
18 obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.
19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local
20 school board or school to provide or purchase vaccine against
21 meningococcal disease.

22 (2) The State Board of Health shall develop and make
23 available educational materials appropriate for distribution so
24 that the information required by this section can be provided to
25 parents and guardians. The Department of Health may provide this
26 information, at its discretion, electronically, on its Web site.
27 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the

28 Department of Health to provide or purchase vaccine against
29 meningococcal disease.

30 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
31 2009.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2007.