

By: Representative Mims

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 703

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH DRUG EDUCATION
2 IN GRADES 2 THROUGH 8 FOR NO LESS THAN 30 MINUTES PER WEEKLY; TO
3 REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AGE
4 APPROPRIATE DRUG EDUCATION COURSES AND TO REQUIRE DRUG EDUCATION
5 COURSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) In addition to the curriculum otherwise
9 required by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in
10 the public schools of this state, each public school district
11 shall include drug education in all classes in Grade 2 through
12 Grade 8. The drug education required under this section must be
13 taught for no less than thirty (30) minutes per week.

14 (2) The State Department of Education, with the input of the
15 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, shall prepare a developmentally
16 age appropriate course or courses of drug education for each grade
17 in which the drug education must be taught. Any course of drug
18 education taught in a school district in fulfillment of the
19 requirements of this section must be a course that has been
20 approved by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a
22 separate code section in Chapter 13, Title 37, Mississippi Code of
23 1972.

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