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## Compulsory school attendance law requirements for school-aged children

Special to The Clinton Courier

As the new school year begins, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement would like to remind area parents about the law governing school attendance.

Based on the Compulsory School Attendance law, a compulsory-school-age child means a child who has reached the age of six years on or before September 1 of the calendar year and who has not reached the age of seventeen years on or before September 1 of the calendar year, and shall include any child who has attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sep-

tember 1 and has enrolled in a full-day public school kindergarten program.

Parents interested in providing educational services to their child/children at home are required to complete a certificate of enrollment, which includes a simple description of the educational services. Certificates of enrollment must be submitted to the School Attendance Officer by September 15 of each year. Failure to comply with the Compulsory School Attendance law may result in the parent, guardian or custodian being fined up to \$1,000, serving a year in jail, or both.

For additional information, contact the local school district or the School Attendance Officer in Hinds County.

## CPD warns of calling spoof

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Recently, the Clinton Police Department (CPD) has been notified that several citizens have received calls from the non-emergency CPD number (601-924-5252) stating that they have outstanding warrants or other issues. The caller tells the citizen to call another number to pay these fines.

Clintonians are advised that the call is from a spoofed number and is like-

ly originating from outside the United States.

The Clinton Police Department assures citizens that no one from CPD will ever call and request that fines be paid over the phone. If a citizen receives a call from anyone claiming to be from a government agency that seems suspicious or requests payment over the phone, the citizen is advised to look up the correct number and call them back.

## BE MOSQUITO FREE! PREVENTION & PROTECTION

### DRAIN

Remove standing water from around your home. It only takes a bottle cap's worth of standing water to cause a mosquito problem.

Common culprits that should be monitored regularly for standing water include:

- clogged rain gutters,
- corrugated drain pipes,
- bird baths,
- pet bowls,
- trash & recycling bins,
- plant pots, and
- children's toys.

### DRESS

When practical, wear long pants and long sleeves. Loose-fitting, light-colored clothing is best.

Studies have shown that some mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing and can most readily bite through tight-fitting, loose-weave clothing.

### DEFEND

Use repellent! The EPA has registered repellents that have been reviewed and approved to pose minimal risk when used properly:

- DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methan 3,8-diol, or PMD)

### MOSQUITO CONTROL

When performed properly by trained professionals, back yard mosquito treatments can help to reduce the danger and risk posed by disease-carrying mosquitoes.

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