

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2497

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 43-1-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO RELEASE
3 INFORMATION FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF SUBSTANTIAL PERPETRATORS
4 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TO CERTAIN PERSONS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

8 Section 43-1-63, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 43-1-63. The Department of Human Services shall have the
10 authority to use the services and resources of the State
11 Department of Education and the State Department of Health and of
12 all other appropriate state departments, agencies, institutions or
13 political subdivisions as will aid in carrying out the purposes of
14 this chapter. It shall be the duty of all such state departments,
15 agencies and institutions to make available such services and
16 resources to the department, including, but not necessarily
17 limited to, such services and resources as may be required to
18 perform appropriate criminal history record checks on prospective
19 foster and relative child placements for the purpose of preventing
20 and detecting abuse and neglect.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2002.

