

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR PARENTS WHO ARE
2 RECEIVING TANF BENEFITS AND AT-RISK PARENTS TO ASSIST THOSE
3 PARENTS WITH THE COST OF PROVIDING FOR CHILD CARE FOR THEIR
4 CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a grant program for
7 parents who are receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
8 (TANF) benefits and at-risk parents to assist those parents with
9 the cost of providing for child care for their children.

10 (2) The grant program shall be administered by the Office of
11 Family and Children's Services of the Department of Human
12 Services. The department shall adopt such rules and regulations
13 as necessary for the administration of the program. The amount of
14 the grants shall be determined by the Office of Family and
15 Children's Services, and the grants shall be awarded on a first
16 come, first served basis to qualified applicants.

17 (3) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund,
18 in which any funds made available for the grant program will be
19 maintained.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2004.