

By: Representatives Holland, Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1407  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO  
2 THE LEGISLATURE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MISSISSIPPI  
3 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A committee is hereby established to make a  
7 report to the Legislature on the establishment of a Clearinghouse  
8 for People with Disabilities to promote and facilitate the full  
9 participation of, and the creation and assurance of equal  
10 opportunities for all people with disabilities. "People with  
11 disabilities" means individuals who have physical, sensory,  
12 cognitive or mental characteristics such as those listed under the  
13 definition of "handicapped person" in Regulation 28CFR 4.31(b) for  
14 the implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of  
15 1973, as amended (Public Law 93-112). The membership of the  
16 committee shall be as follows: (a) the State Superintendent of  
17 Education, or his designee; (b) the Executive Director of the  
18 State Department of Health, or his designee; (c) the Executive  
19 Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, or his  
20 designee; (d) the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid,  
21 Office of Governor, or his designee; (e) the Executive Director of  
22 the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, or his designee; (f)  
23 the Executive Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation  
24 Services, or his designee; (g) the Chairmen of the Appropriations  
25 and Public Health and Welfare Committees of each house of the  
26 Legislature, or their designees; (h) a representative of the  
27 Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities appointed by the  
28 Governor; (i) a representative of an advocacy group for the

29 disabled appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and (j) a  
30 representative of an advocacy group for the disabled appointed by  
31 the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee shall  
32 meet upon call of the Governor not later than August 1, 2004, and  
33 shall select a chairman who shall organize the committee for  
34 business. Staff and clerical support for the committee shall be  
35 provided by the agencies represented on the committee. The  
36 committee shall develop a request with specific recommendations  
37 for legislation and shall make its report to the Chairmen of the  
38 Committees of Public Health and Welfare of each house on or before  
39 December 1, 2004.

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