

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 139

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, 2005.