

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF REIMBURSEMENT TO CHILD CARE  
2 FACILITIES FOR THE COST OF OBTAINING CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND  
3 CHECKS AND CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY CHECKS FOR OPERATORS, CAREGIVERS  
4 AND RESIDENTS OF THE FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a program of  
7 reimbursement to child care facilities for the cost of obtaining  
8 criminal records background checks and child abuse registry checks  
9 for operators, caregivers and residents of the facilities as  
10 required under Section 43-20-8.

11 (2) The reimbursement program shall be administered by the  
12 Office of Family and Children's Services of the Department of  
13 Human Services. The department shall adopt such rules and  
14 regulations as necessary for the administration of the program.  
15 The maximum amount of reimbursement for any one (1) licensed child  
16 care facility is Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).

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

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2005.