

By: Representative Gunn

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1598

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
2 EXCEED \$10,000.00 FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED FOR THE
3 ADOPTION OF A CHILD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** There shall be allowed as a credit against the
6 tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption
7 expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
8 (\$10,000.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a
9 taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2005 or
10 during any calendar year thereafter. The tax credit under this
11 section may be claimed only for the taxable year in which the
12 adoption becomes final under the laws of this state. A tax credit
13 is not allowed under this section for any child for which an
14 exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section
15 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified
16 adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term
17 has in 26 USCS 23.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in
19 Chapter 7 of Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after January 1, 2005.