

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

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

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

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

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

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

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2006.