

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 570**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

23           **SECTION 1.** Section 43-17-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
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27 Development Fund (CCDF) program. CCDF is comprised of the  
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34           (2) In the operation of the CCDF/TANF program, the  
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42 information required for the financial report known as ACF-696  
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71 disabled, but if disabled, then up to eighteen (18) years of age.

72 (d) The department shall require licensed child care  
73 providers participating in the CCDF/TANF certificate program to

74 provide developmentally appropriate early childhood educational  
75 activities, including reading and writing.

76 \* \* \*

77 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2010.

78 **SECTION 2.** Section 43-20-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
79 amended as follows:

80 43-20-5. (1) From and after July 1, 2006, the powers and  
81 duties of the State Department of Health relating to the licensure  
82 of child care facilities under this chapter shall be transferred  
83 to the State Department of Human Services. All records, property,  
84 funds, other assets and personnel of the Child Care Licensure Unit  
85 and the Child Care Licensure Program shall be transferred to the  
86 Department of Human Services. The Executive Director of the  
87 Department of Human Services may assign to the appropriate offices  
88 such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out the lawful  
89 functions of the department under this chapter.

90 (2) When used in this chapter, the following words shall  
91 have the following meanings:

92 (a) "Child care facility" means a place that provides  
93 shelter and personal care for six (6) or more children who are not  
94 related within the third degree computed according to the civil  
95 law to the operator and who are under thirteen (13) years of age,  
96 for any part of the twenty-four-hour day, whether that place is  
97 organized or operated for profit or not. The term "child care  
98 facility" includes day nurseries, day care centers and any other  
99 facility that falls within the scope of the definitions set forth  
100 in this paragraph, regardless of auspices. Exemptions from the  
101 provisions of this chapter include:

102 (i) Child care facilities that operate for no more  
103 than two (2) days a week, whose primary purpose is to provide  
104 respite for the caregiver or temporary care during other scheduled  
105 or related activities and organized programs that operate for

106 three (3) or fewer weeks per year such as, but not limited to,  
107 vacation bible schools and scout day camps.

108 (ii) Any child residential home as defined in, and  
109 in compliance with the provisions of, Section 43-16-3(b) et seq.

110 (iii) 1. Any elementary, including kindergarten,  
111 and/or secondary school system, accredited by the Mississippi  
112 State Department of Education, the Southern Association of  
113 Colleges and Schools, the Mississippi Private School Education  
114 Association, the American Association of Christian Schools, the  
115 Association of Christian Schools International, and any Head Start  
116 program operating in conjunction with an elementary school system,  
117 whether it is public, private or parochial, whose primary purpose  
118 is a structured school or school readiness program.

119 2. Accreditation, for the purpose of  
120 exemption from the provisions of this chapter, means: a. receipt  
121 by any school or school system of full accreditation from an  
122 accrediting entity listed in item 1 of this subparagraph (iii), or  
123 b. proof of application by the school or school system for  
124 accreditation status from the accrediting entity. Proof of  
125 application for accreditation status shall include, but not be  
126 limited to, a copy of the applicant's completed application for  
127 accreditation filed with the licensing agency and a letter or  
128 other authenticating documentation from a signatory authority with  
129 the accrediting entity that the application for accreditation has  
130 been received and that the applicant is currently under  
131 consideration or review for full accreditation status by the  
132 accrediting entity. An exemption for a nonaccredited applicant  
133 under this item 2 shall be for a maximum of one (1) year from the  
134 receipt date by the licensing agency of the completed  
135 documentation for proof of application for accreditation status.  
136 Failure to receive full accreditation by the end of the one-year  
137 exemption period for a nonaccredited applicant shall result in the

138 nonaccredited applicant no longer remaining exempt from the  
139 provisions of this chapter at the end of the one-year period.  
140 However, if full accreditation is not received by the end of the  
141 one-year exemption period, the State Department of Human Services,  
142 in its discretion, may extend the exemption period for any  
143 nonaccredited applicant for periods of six (6) months, with the  
144 total extension not to exceed one (1) year. During any such  
145 extension periods, the department shall have the authority to  
146 enforce child care facility licensure provisions relating to the  
147 health and safety of the children in the school or school system.  
148 If a nonaccredited applicant fails to receive full accreditation  
149 by the end of all extended exemption periods, the applicant shall  
150 no longer remain exempt from the provisions of this chapter at the  
151 end of the extended exemption periods. This item 2 shall stand  
152 repealed on July 1, 2007.

153 (iv) Any membership organization affiliated with a  
154 national organization that charges only a nominal annual  
155 membership fee, does not receive monthly, weekly or daily payments  
156 for services, and is certified by its national association as  
157 being in compliance with the association's minimum standards and  
158 procedures including, but not limited to, the Boys and Girls Club  
159 of America, and the YMCA.

160 (v) Any family child care home as defined in  
161 Section 43-20-53(a) et seq.

162 All other preschool child care programs and/or extended day  
163 school programs must meet requirements set forth in this chapter.

164 (b) "Health" means that condition of being sound in  
165 mind and body and encompasses an individual's physical, mental and  
166 emotional welfare.

167 (c) "Safety" means that condition of being protected  
168 from hurt, injury or loss.

169 (d) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership,  
170 corporation or association.

171 (e) "Operator" means any person, acting individually or  
172 jointly with another person or persons, who establishes, owns,  
173 operates, conducts or maintains a child care facility. The child  
174 care facility license shall be issued in the name of the operator,  
175 or, if there is more than one (1) operator, in the name of one (1)  
176 of the operators. If there is more than one (1) operator, all  
177 statutory and regulatory provisions concerning the background  
178 checks of operators shall be equally applied to all operators of a  
179 facility including, but not limited to, a spouse who jointly owns,  
180 operates or maintains the child care facility regardless of which  
181 particular person is named on the license.

182 (f) "Personal care" means assistance rendered by  
183 personnel of the child care facility in performing one or more of  
184 the activities of daily living which includes, but is not limited  
185 to, the feeding, personal grooming, supervising and dressing of  
186 children placed in the child care facility.

187 (g) "Licensing agency" means the Mississippi Department  
188 of Human Services.

189 (h) "Caregiver" means any person who provides direct  
190 care, supervision or guidance to children in a child care  
191 facility, regardless of title or occupation.

192 **SECTION 3.** Section 43-20-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
193 amended as follows:

194 43-20-8. (1) The licensing agency shall have powers and  
195 duties as set forth below, in addition to other duties prescribed  
196 under this chapter:

197 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations concerning the  
198 licensing and regulation of child care facilities as defined in  
199 Section 43-20-5;

200           (b) Have the authority to issue, deny, suspend, revoke,  
201 restrict or otherwise take disciplinary action against licensees  
202 as provided for in this chapter;

203           (c) Set and collect fees and penalties as provided for  
204 in this chapter; and

205           (d) Have such other powers as may be required to carry  
206 out the provisions of this chapter.

207           (2) Child care facilities shall assure that parents have  
208 welcome access to the child care facility at all times.

209           (3) Each child care facility shall develop and maintain a  
210 current list of contact persons for each child provided care by  
211 that facility. An agreement may be made between the child care  
212 facility and the child's parent, guardian or contact person at the  
213 time of registration to inform the parent, guardian or contact  
214 person if the child does not arrive at the facility within a  
215 reasonable time.

216           (4) Child care facilities shall require that, for any  
217 current or prospective caregiver, all criminal records, background  
218 and sex offender registry checks and current child abuse registry  
219 checks are obtained. In order to determine the applicant's  
220 suitability for employment, the applicant shall be fingerprinted.  
221 If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the  
222 fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety  
223 to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.

224           (5) The licensing agency shall require to be performed a  
225 criminal records background check and a child abuse registry check  
226 for all operators of a child care facility and any person living  
227 in a residence used for child care. The Department of Human  
228 Services shall have the authority to disclose \* \* \* any potential  
229 applicant whose name is listed on the Child Abuse Central Registry  
230 or has a pending administrative review. That information shall  
231 remain confidential by all parties. In order to determine the

232 applicant's suitability for employment, the applicant shall be  
233 fingerprinted. If no disqualifying record is identified at the  
234 state level, the fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department  
235 of Public Safety to the FBI for a national criminal history record  
236 check.

237 (6) The licensing agency shall have the authority to exclude  
238 a particular crime or crimes or a substantiated finding of child  
239 abuse and/or neglect as disqualifying individuals or entities for  
240 prospective or current employment or licensure.

241 (7) The licensing agency and its agents, officers,  
242 employees, attorneys and representatives shall not be held civilly  
243 liable for any findings, recommendations or actions taken under  
244 this section.

245 (8) All fees incurred in compliance with this section shall  
246 be borne by the child care facility. The licensing agency is  
247 authorized to charge a fee that includes the amount required by  
248 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the national criminal  
249 history record check in compliance with the Child Protection Act  
250 of 1993, as amended, and any necessary costs incurred by the  
251 licensing agency for the handling and administration of the  
252 criminal history background checks.

253 **SECTION 4.** Section 43-20-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
254 amended as follows:

255 43-20-11. An application for a license under this chapter  
256 shall be made to the licensing agency upon forms provided by it,  
257 and shall contain such information as the licensing agency may  
258 reasonably require. Each application for a license shall be  
259 accompanied by a license fee not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars  
260 (\$200.00), which shall be paid to the licensing agency. Licenses  
261 shall be granted to applicants upon the filing of properly  
262 completed application forms, accompanied by payment of the said  
263 license fee, and a certificate of inspection and approval by the

264 fire department of the municipality or other political subdivision  
265 in which the facility is located, and by a certificate of  
266 inspection and approval by the health department of the county in  
267 which the facility is located, and approval by the licensing  
268 agency; except that if no fire department exists where the  
269 facility is located, the State Fire Marshal shall certify as to  
270 the inspection for safety from fire hazards. Said fire, county  
271 health department and licensing agency inspections and approvals  
272 shall be based upon regulations promulgated by the licensing  
273 agency \* \* \*.

274 Each license shall be issued only for the premises and person  
275 or persons named in the application and shall not be transferable  
276 or assignable except with the written approval of the licensing  
277 agency. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the  
278 licensed premises.

279 No governmental entity or agency shall be required to pay the  
280 fee or fees set forth in this section.

281 **SECTION 5.** Section 43-20-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
282 amended as follows:

283 43-20-12. All fees collected by the Mississippi Department  
284 of Human Services under this chapter and any penalties collected  
285 by the board for violations of this chapter shall be deposited in  
286 the State General Fund \* \* \*.

287 **SECTION 6.** Section 43-20-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
288 amended as follows:

289 43-20-14. (1) The licensing agency may deny a license or  
290 refuse to renew a license for any of the reasons set forth in  
291 subsection (3) of this section.

292 (2) Before the licensing agency may deny or refuse to renew,  
293 the applicant or person named on the license shall be entitled to  
294 a hearing in order to show cause why the license should not be  
295 denied or should be renewed.

296 (3) The licensing agency may suspend, revoke or restrict the  
297 license of any child care facility upon one or more of the  
298 following grounds:

299 (a) Fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material  
300 facts;

301 (b) Conviction of an operator for any crime if the  
302 licensing agency finds that the act or acts for which the operator  
303 was convicted could have a detrimental effect on children cared  
304 for by any child care facility;

305 (c) Violation of any of the provisions of this act or  
306 of the regulations governing the licensing and regulation of child  
307 care facilities promulgated by the licensing agency;

308 (d) Any conduct, or failure to act, that is found or  
309 determined by the licensing agency to threaten the health or  
310 safety of children at the facility;

311 (e) Failure by the child care facility to comply with  
312 the provisions of Section 43-20-8(3) regarding background checks  
313 of caregivers; and

314 (f) Information received by the licensing agency as a  
315 result of the criminal records background check and the child  
316 abuse registry check on all operators under Section 43-20-8.

317 (4) Before the licensing agency may suspend, revoke or  
318 restrict the license of any facility, any licensee affected by  
319 that decision of the licensing agency shall be entitled to a  
320 hearing in which the licensee may show cause why the license  
321 should not be suspended, revoked or restricted.

322 (5) Any licensee who disagrees with or is aggrieved by a  
323 decision of the Mississippi State Department of Human Services in  
324 regard to the denial, refusal to renew, suspension, revocation or  
325 restriction of the license of the licensee, may appeal to the  
326 chancery court of the county in which the facility is located.  
327 The appeal shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the

328 licensee receives written notice of the final administrative  
329 action by the Mississippi State Department of Human Services as to  
330 the suspension, revocation or restriction of the license of the  
331 licensee.

332 **SECTION 7.** Section 43-20-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
333 amended as follows:

334 43-20-53. As used in Sections 43-20-51 through 43-20-65:

335 (a) "Family child care home" means any residential  
336 facility occupied by the operator where five (5) or fewer children  
337 who are not related within the third degree computed according to  
338 the civil law to the provider and who are under the age of  
339 thirteen (13) years of age are provided care for any part of the  
340 twenty-four-hour day.

341 (b) "Registering agency" means the Mississippi State  
342 Department of Human Services.

343 (c) "Provider" means the person responsible for the  
344 care of children.

345 **SECTION 8.** Section 43-20-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
346 amended as follows:

347 43-20-57. (1) No person shall knowingly maintain a family  
348 child care home if, in such family child care home, there resides,  
349 works or regularly volunteers any person who:

350 (a) (i) Has a felony conviction for a crime against  
351 persons;

352 (ii) Has a felony conviction under the Uniform  
353 Controlled Substances Act;

354 (iii) Has a conviction for a crime of child abuse  
355 or neglect;

356 (iv) Has a conviction for any sex offense as  
357 defined in Section 45-33-23, Mississippi Code of 1972; or

358 (v) Any other offense committed in another  
359 jurisdiction or any federal offense which, if committed in this

360 state, would be deemed to be such a crime without regard to its  
361 designation elsewhere;

362 (b) Has been adjudicated a juvenile offender because of  
363 having committed an act which if done by an adult would constitute  
364 the commission of a felony and which is a crime against persons;

365 (c) Has had a child declared in a court order in this  
366 or any other state to be deprived or a child in need of care based  
367 on an allegation of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect  
368 or sexual abuse;

369 (d) Has had parental rights terminated pursuant to  
370 Section 93-15-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972; or

371 (e) Has an infectious or contagious disease, as defined  
372 by the State Department of Health pursuant to Section 41-23-1,  
373 Mississippi Code of 1972.

374 (2) No person shall maintain a family child care home if  
375 such person has been found to be a disabled person in need of a  
376 guardian or conservator, or both.

377 (3) Any person who resides in the home and who has been  
378 found to be a disabled person in need of a guardian or  
379 conservator, or both, shall be included in the total number of  
380 children allowed in care.

381 (4) In accordance with the provision of this subsection (4),  
382 the State Department of Human Services shall have access to any  
383 court orders or adjudications of any court of record, any records  
384 of such orders or adjudications, criminal history record  
385 information in the possession of the Mississippi Highway Safety  
386 Patrol or court of this state concerning persons working,  
387 regularly volunteering or residing in a family child care home.  
388 The department shall have access to these records for the purpose  
389 of determining whether or not the home meets the requirements of  
390 Sections 43-20-51 through 43-20-65.

391 (5) No family child care home or its employees shall be  
392 liable for civil damages to any person refused employment or  
393 discharged from employment by reason of such home's compliance  
394 with the provisions of this section if such home acts in good  
395 faith to comply with this section.

396 **SECTION 9.** Section 43-20-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
397 amended as follows:

398 43-20-59. (1) Any person maintaining a family child care  
399 home may register such home with the State Department of Human  
400 Services on forms provided by the department.

401 (2) A certificate of registration shall be issued to the  
402 applicant for registration who (a) attests to the safety of the  
403 home for the care of children, (b) submits a fee of Five Dollars  
404 (\$5.00) payable to the department, and (c) certifies that no  
405 person described in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of Section  
406 43-20-57(1) resides, works or volunteers in the family child care  
407 home.

408 (3) The department shall furnish each applicant for  
409 registration a family child care home safety evaluation form to be  
410 completed by the applicant and submitted with the registration  
411 application.

412 (4) The certificate of registration shall be renewed  
413 annually in the same manner provided for in this section.

414 (5) A certificate of registration shall be in force for one  
415 (1) year after the date of issuance unless revoked pursuant to  
416 Sections 43-20-51 through 43-20-65. The certificate shall specify  
417 that the registrant may operate a family child care home for five  
418 (5) or fewer children. This section shall not be construed to  
419 limit the right of the department to enter a registered family  
420 child care home for the purpose of assessing compliance with  
421 Sections 43-20-51 through 43-20-65 after receiving a complaint

422 against the registrant of such home or in conducting a periodic  
423 routine inspection.

424 (6) The department shall adopt rules and regulations to  
425 implement the registration provisions.

426 **SECTION 10.** Section 43-17-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
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476 providers participating in the CCDF/TANF certificate program to  
477 provide developmentally appropriate early childhood educational  
478 activities, including reading and writing.

479 (3) [Deleted]

480 (4) [Deleted]

481 **SECTION 11.** Sections 43-20-7 and 43-20-55, Mississippi Code  
482 of 1972, which create an Advisory Council to assist the licensing  
483 agency in the development of child care facility standards and  
484 regulations, are hereby repealed.

485           **SECTION 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
486 and after July 1, 2006.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-17-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE SECTION THAT PRESCRIBES  
3 CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE  
4 OPERATION OF THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND/TEMPORARY  
5 ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-20-5,  
6 43-20-8, 43-20-11, 43-20-12, 43-20-14, 43-20-53, 43-20-57 AND  
7 43-20-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND  
8 DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELATING TO THE LICENSURE  
9 OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
10 AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL PERFORM  
11 ALL OF THE DUTIES RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF  
12 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF LICENSED CHILD CARE  
13 FACILITIES THAT WERE FORMERLY PERFORMED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 43-17-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
15 DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE STATUTE PROVIDING THAT THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE FEDERAL  
17 CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTIONS  
18 43-20-7 AND 43-20-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE AN  
19 ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ASSIST THE LICENSING AGENCY IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
20 OF CHILD CARE FACILITY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED  
21 PURPOSES.