

By: Representative Ward

To: Public Health and Human Services; County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
2 REIMBURSE COUNTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 PER DAY FOR THE COSTS
3 OF HOUSING PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN THE COUNTY JAIL BASED
4 ON ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND TO REQUIRE
5 SUCH PERSONS TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH COSTS; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Upon vouchers submitted by the board of
9 supervisors of any county housing persons in the county jail who
10 are incarcerated on the basis of action taken by the Department of
11 Human Services, the department shall pay to the county, out of any
12 available funds, Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day for each
13 person housed in a county jail. The department shall make the
14 payment to the county for each day that the person is confined in
15 the county jail beginning with the fifth day following the date
16 that the person is incarcerated and terminating on the date that
17 the person is released or otherwise removed from the custody of
18 the county jail. In addition, the department shall pay to the
19 county the actual cost of providing medical care to those persons
20 unless the Executive Director of Human Services finds that the
21 costs are unreasonable. The funds received by the county under
22 this section shall be placed in the county general fund and shall
23 be expended only for the housing of those persons in the county
24 jail.

25 In addition, any person confined in a county jail on the
26 basis of action taken by the Department of Human Services shall
27 reimburse the department Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day for
28 confinement in a county jail. The reimbursement that such person
29 shall make shall be for each day that person is confined in the



30 county jail beginning with the fifth day following the date that
31 the person is incarcerated and terminating on the date that the
32 person is released or otherwise removed from the custody of the
33 county jail.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2007.

