

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1144: Exceptional children requiring inpatient care; clarify eligibility to receive both state and federal funding.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

8           **SECTION 1.** Section 37-23-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:  
10           37-23-63. Every child who is a resident citizen of the State  
11 of Mississippi under twenty-one (21) years of age, who cannot  
12 pursue all regular class work due to reasons of defective hearing,  
13 vision, speech, intellectual disability or other mental or  
14 physical conditions as determined by competent medical authorities  
15 and psychologists, who has not finished or graduated from high  
16 school, and who is in attendance in a private school, parochial  
17 school or speech, hearing and/or language clinic that is  
18 accredited by a state or regional accrediting agency or  
19 approved/licensed by the State Department of Education, shall be  
20 eligible and entitled to receive state financial assistance in the  
21 amount set forth in Section 37-23-69. Exceptional children as  
22 defined in Section 37-23-3(1) and who are certified by the  
23 designated state authority as requiring inpatient care in a  
24 private intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded or  
25 psychiatric residential treatment facility, with Medicaid  
26 reimbursement, shall be eligible and entitled to receive state and  
27 federal financial assistance under the provisions of Section  
28 37-23-69, as allowable and available, if an approved private



29 school is operated as an integral part of the facility that  
30 provides twenty-four (24) hours a day monitoring, treatment and  
31 education.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after July 1, 2011.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THAT EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN REQUIRING INPATIENT CARE IN A  
3 PRIVATE INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED OR A  
4 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH  
5 STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF THE FACILITY OPERATES AN  
6 APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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