

By: Representative Dixon

To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1130

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD  
2 WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL AND CUSTODY OF SUCH  
3 CHILD UNTIL THE AGE OF TWENTY-SIX; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A parent of legal guardian of a child who has a  
6 severe mental illness or who poses a threat to himself or others  
7 is authorized to maintain control and custody of such child  
8 whether in an institution or not, up to the age of twenty-six (26)  
9 years of age on an involuntary basis in accordance with the  
10 provisions of the Affordable Health Care Act or under the parent  
11 of legal guardian's health insurance policy or plan. The  
12 provisions of this section shall be deemed to be in addition and  
13 supplemental to any provision of law providing for commitment or  
14 care of a person with mental illness or a person with an  
15 intellectual disability as those terms are defined in Section  
16 41-21-61.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
18 and after July 1, 2013.

