

By: Representative Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 485

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE FATHERS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE RECIPIENTS
2 OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
3 RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR A MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS PER MONTH
5 FOR TWELVE MONTHS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The father of each child who is a recipient of
8 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits,
9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits,
10 Medicaid assistance, or Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits
11 shall participate in the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative program
12 conducted by the Department of Human Services for a minimum of
13 four (4) hours per month for twelve (12) months.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2018.

