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To: Public Health and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2746
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE HUDSON'S LAW, TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE
2 PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION TO NEW OR EXPECTANT
3 PARENTS WHO RECEIVE A POSITIVE TEST FOR CHROMOSOMAL DISORDER
4 REGARDING THEIR CHILD; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAKE
5 INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING CHROMOSOMAL DISORDER; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as
9 "Hudson's Law."

10 **SECTION 2.** The Legislature finds the following:

11 (a) For purposes of this section, the term
12 "chromosomal disorder" means trisomy 13 (otherwise known as Patau
13 syndrome); trisomy 18 (otherwise known as Edwards syndrome); or
14 trisomy 21 (otherwise known as Down syndrome)."

15 (b) Any facility, physician, health care provider,
16 nurse midwife or genetic counselor who renders prenatal care,
17 postnatal care or genetic counseling, upon receipt of a positive
18 test result from a test for a chromosomal disorder, shall provide
19 the expectant or new parent with information provided by the
20 department under paragraph (c) of this section.



21 (c) The Department of Health shall make available to
22 any person who renders prenatal care, postnatal care or genetic
23 counseling of parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal
24 diagnosis of a chromosomal disorder the following:

25 (i) Up-to-date, evidence-based written information
26 about a chromosomal disorder that has been reviewed by medical
27 experts and national advocacy organizations for people with
28 intellectual and other developmental disorders. The written
29 information provided shall include physical, developmental,
30 educational and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical
31 course, and intellectual and functional development and treatment
32 options; and

33 (ii) The contact information regarding first-call
34 programs and support services, including hotline specific to a
35 chromosomal disorder, resource centers or clearinghouses, national
36 and local organizations, and other education and support programs.
37 The department may also make such available to any other person
38 who has received a positive test for a chromosomal disorder.

39 (d) Information provided under this section shall be
40 culturally and linguistically appropriate for women receiving a
41 positive prenatal diagnosis or for the family of a child receiving
42 a postnatal diagnosis of a chromosomal disorder.

43 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after July 1, 2021.

