

By: Representative Roberson

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-125-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICAL THERAPISTS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE PRIOR WORK
3 EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO WORK AT A PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED
4 CARE CENTER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-125-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-125-19. (1) To carry out the intention of the
9 Legislature to provide safe and sanitary facilities and healthful
10 programs, the licensing agency shall adopt and publish rules to
11 implement the provisions of this chapter, which shall include
12 reasonable and fair standards. Any conflict between these
13 standards and those that may be set forth in local, county or city
14 ordinances shall be resolved in favor of those having statewide
15 effect. Those standards shall relate to:

16 (a) The assurance that PPEC services are family
17 centered and provide individualized medical, developmental and
18 family training services.



19 (b) The maintenance of PPEC centers, based upon the
20 size of the structure and number of children, relating to
21 plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation and other building
22 conditions, including adequate space, which will ensure the
23 health, safety, comfort and protection from fire of the children
24 served.

25 (c) The appropriate provisions of the most recent
26 edition of the "Life Safety Code" shall be applied.

27 (d) The number and qualifications of all personnel who
28 have responsibility for the care of the children served.

29 (e) All sanitary conditions within the PPEC center and
30 its surroundings, including water supply, sewage disposal, food
31 handling and general hygiene, and maintenance thereof, which will
32 ensure the health and comfort of children served.

33 (f) Programs and basic services promoting and
34 maintaining the health and development of the children served and
35 meeting the training needs of the children's parents or legal
36 guardians.

37 (g) Supportive, contracted, other operational and
38 transportation services. However, the licensing agency may not
39 require physical therapists to have prior work experience in order
40 to work at a PPEC center.

41 (h) Maintenance of appropriate medical records, data
42 and information relative to the children and programs. Those



43 records shall be maintained in the facility for inspection by the
44 agency.

45 (2) The licensing agency shall adopt rules to ensure that:

46 (a) No child attends a PPEC center for more than twelve
47 (12) hours within a twenty-four-hour period.

48 (b) No PPEC center provides services other than those
49 provided to medically or technologically dependent children.

50 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2023.

