

By: Representative Lamar

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1372

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
2 APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EACH YEAR A
3 SEPARATE LINE ITEM THAT PROVIDES FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
4 CENTERS OF MISSISSIPPI, WHICH SHALL DISTRIBUTE THOSE FUNDS TO THE
5 ACCREDITED LOCAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature shall include in the
8 appropriation bill for the State Department of Health each year a
9 separate line item that provides funds for the Children's Advocacy
10 Centers of Mississippi (CACM), which shall distribute those funds
11 to the local child advocacy centers, as defined in Section
12 43-15-51(3)(b), that have received accreditation from the National
13 Children's Alliance. The receipt of funds by a child advocacy
14 center from CACM under this line-item provision does not preclude
15 the child advocacy center from applying for and receiving grants
16 from the department from another source of funding.

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

