

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2781

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

29           SECTION 1. (1) For the purpose of this section, the term  
30 "agencies" means the State Department of Health, the Department of  
31 Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services and  
32 the Division of Medicaid, and the term "agency" means any one of  
33 those entities.

34           (2) The agencies shall jointly develop a program to  
35 coordinate and promote information and services related to  
36 pregnancy, childbirth and care for dependent children for  
37 expectant mothers and new parents. The program shall be fully  
38 operational not later than January 1, 2024.

39           (3) The program shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
40 providing comprehensive information and resources related to  
41 adoption assistance, child care, domestic abuse protection, early  
42 intervention, food, clothing and supplies related to pregnancy and  
43 newborn care, job training and placement, paternity, parenting  
44 skills, and prenatal and postpartum care provided by:

45           (a) The State of Mississippi or any other governmental  
46 entity; or

47           (b) Relevant nonprofit organizations, including  
48 religious institutions.

49           (4) Each agency shall determine, in cooperation with the  
50 other agencies, which aspects and topics of the program that the  
51 agency will oversee and how the agency will promote the program.  
52 The agencies shall make information related to the program  
53 available on a separate website that is accessible from each  
54 agency's main website and the county health departments' websites  
55 not later than October 1, 2023. The mobile application referenced  
56 in subsection (5) of this section shall be available to the public  
57 not later than January 1, 2024.

58           (5) The agencies shall jointly establish a promotional  
59 campaign to educate the public about the program, including, but  
60 not limited to, the implementation of a separate website as  
61 provided in subsection (4) of this section social media graphics  
62 and any other awareness activity, including the creation of a  
63 mobile application.

64           (6) The agencies shall apply for any federal grants that may  
65 be available to assist in paying the costs of implementing and  
66 operating the program.

67           (7) The agencies shall jointly promulgate such rules as  
68 necessary to implement this program.

69           (8) Not later than October 1, 2024, the agencies shall  
70 report to the Chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary A

71 Committees, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee  
72 and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on the  
73 operation and status of the program.

74 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
75 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION  
3 SERVICES AND THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A PROGRAM  
4 TO COORDINATE AND PROMOTE INFORMATION AND SERVICES RELATED TO  
5 PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND CARE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN FOR  
6 EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND NEW PARENTS; TO REQUIRE THAT THE PROGRAM BE  
7 FULLY OPERATIONAL NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2024; TO REQUIRE THE  
8 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RESOURCES RELATED TO ADOPTION  
9 ASSISTANCE, CHILD CARE, DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTION, EARLY  
10 INTERVENTION, FOOD, CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES RELATED TO PREGNANCY AND  
11 NEWBORN CARE, JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT, PATERNITY, PARENTING  
12 SKILLS, AND PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM CARE; TO REQUIRE EACH AGENCY  
13 TO DETERMINE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER AGENCIES, WHICH  
14 ASPECTS AND TOPICS OF THE PROGRAM THAT THE AGENCY WILL OVERSEE AND  
15 HOW THE AGENCY WILL PROMOTE THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES  
16 TO MAKE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON A SEPARATE  
17 WEBSITE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FROM EACH AGENCY'S MAIN WEBSITE AND THE  
18 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS' WEBSITES NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1,  
19 2023; TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES TO JOINTLY ESTABLISH A PROMOTIONAL  
20 CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE  
21 AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR ANY FEDERAL GRANTS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO  
22 ASSIST IN PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING AND OPERATING THE  
23 PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES TO JOINTLY PROMULGATE SUCH RULES  
24 AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES TO  
25 REPORT TO THE CHAIRS OF CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ON THE  
26 OPERATION AND STATUS OF THE PROGRAM NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1,  
27 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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