Adopted COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill No. 2335

BY: Committee

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

SECTION 1. Section 57-73-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-73-23. A fifty percent (50%) income tax credit shall be 12 13 granted to any employer providing dependent care for employees 14 during the employee's work hours. Credit is applied to the net 15 cost of any contract executed by the employer for * * * a licensed 16 or registered entity in the State of Mississippi to provide 17 dependent care for employees; or, if the employer elects to 18 provide dependent care itself, to expenses of dependent care 19 staff, learning and recreational materials and equipment, and the

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20 construction and maintenance of a facility in the State of 21 Mississippi; or to the cost of any direct payment to a licensed or 22 registered entity, in the name of and for the benefit of an 23 employee residing in the State of Mississippi, for the sake of 24 providing dependent care to the employee's children during the 25 employee's working hours. Additional eligible expenses include net costs assumed by the employer which increase the quality, 26 27 availability and affordability of dependent care in the community 28 used by employees during the employee's work hours, including, 29 where direct payments are made to a licensed or registered entity to provide dependent care for children of employees, expenses 30 31 incurred in organizing and administering the direct payment 32 program in the first year. The credit allowed may not exceed 33 Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for each participating employee per year. This cost is net of any reimbursement. A deduction 34 35 shall not be allowed for any expenses which serve as the basis for 36 an income tax credit. The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other 37 38 than the business enterprise actually qualifying for the credits. 39 Where direct payments are made to a licensed or registered 40 entity to provide dependent care for children of employees, 41 employers must retain information concerning the licensed or 42 registered entity's federal identification number and license or 43 registration number, together with the payment amounts and the

44 name of the person in whose name and for whose benefit the

45 payments were made.

Credit may be carried forward for the five (5) successive years if the amount allowable as credit exceeds income tax liability in a tax year; however, thereafter, if the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax liability, the amount of excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

52 The facility of the employer or of the other entity providing 53 dependent care must be located in the State of Mississippi. Ιt 54 also must have an average daily enrollment for the taxable year of 55 no less than six (6) children who are twelve (12) years of age or 56 less and be licensed according to the regulations governing 57 licensure of child care facilities in Mississippi; or must serve five (5) or fewer children and/or elderly adults in a family child 58 59 care/elder care home approved by the Department of Health for 60 participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child and adult nutrition program; or must serve children over twelve 61 62 (12) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age in 63 either a community-based facility or a facility at the employment 64 site; or must serve adult relatives of employees in either a 65 community-based elder care facility or a facility at the employment site; or must serve children or adult dependents having 66 67 physical, emotional or mental disabilities in either a 68 community-based facility or a facility at the employment site.

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69 Employers will be certified as eligible for the tax credit by

70 the Mississippi Department of * * * Revenue.

71 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

72 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:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-73-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 1 TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN EMPLOYER MAKING DIRECT 2 3 PAYMENTS TO A LICENSED OR REGISTERED ENTITY FOR DEPENDENT CARE IN 4 THE NAME OF AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN EMPLOYEE RESIDING IN 5 MISSISSIPPI; TO SPECIFY THAT, IN THE CASE OF DEPENDENT CARE FACILITIES OPERATED BY AN EMPLOYER OR CONTRACTING WITH AN 6 7 EMPLOYER, THE EXISTING CREDIT APPLIES WHEN THOSE FACILITIES ARE 8 LOCATED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.