

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1048

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE 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:

13        SECTION 1. This act shall be known and cited as the  
14 "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program  
15 Act."

16        SECTION 2. (1) There is established the Universal Changing  
17 Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program for the purpose and  
18 intent of providing financial assistance to public entities  
19 located within the State of Mississippi to install universal  
20 changing tables in one or more restrooms in existing or proposed  
21 facilities under its control.

22        (2) Any state agency, department, municipal or county  
23 governing authority exercising ownership and control over any  
24 public facility which is accessible to the public, may be entitled  
25 to receive grants up to a maximum amount of Five Thousand Dollars  
26 (\$5,000.00) for each universal changing table installed in one or  
27 more restrooms in existing or proposed facilities under its  
28 control. Based upon a determination by the Mississippi Department  
29 of Rehabilitation Services, relative to the funds made available

30 for the awarding of grants for the purpose specified in this act,  
31 the department may increase or decrease the number of grants  
32 awarded accordingly under the authority prescribed in Section 3 of  
33 this act.

34 (3) Grants shall be funded from monies appropriated by the  
35 Legislature to the department for that purpose, or any other  
36 source of funding made available to the department for purposes of  
37 this act. Grants shall be awarded on the basis of available funds  
38 on a first-come, first-served basis, provided that grant  
39 applicants satisfy the criteria established by the department for  
40 the awarding of grants.

41 (4) To cover the costs of administering the grant program in  
42 accordance with this act, the Department of Rehabilitation  
43 Services may receive up to one percent (1%) of any appropriation  
44 received by the department for the awarding of grants.

45 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation  
46 Services shall administer the Universal Changing Tables  
47 Installation Incentive Grant Program and shall have the following  
48 powers and duties:

49 (a) Receiving applications for grants under the grant  
50 program;

51 (b) Determining the eligibility of applicants and  
52 paying the grants from any funds available;

53 (c) Adopting and enforcing appropriate rules and  
54 regulations regarding forms designed to be used by applicants for  
55 grants and the eligibility of applicants;

56 (d) Developing criteria for evaluating the growing need  
57 for the installation of universal changing tables, including, but  
58 not be limited to:

59 (i) The percentage of the state's population  
60 living with a physical disability; and

61 (ii) The number of existing public facilities  
62 currently equipped with a universal changing table;

63 (e) Developing the administrative policy for the grant  
64 program;

65 (f) Promulgating rules and regulations pertaining to  
66 the implementation and operation of the grant program;

67 (g) Establishing a budget to support the activities of  
68 the program and periodically reviewing and, if appropriate,  
69 revising, the amount of the grants offered through the program;

70 (h) Any other rules and regulations as the department  
71 may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and  
72 intent of the grant program; and

73 (i) Collaborating with the Department of Archives and  
74 History and the Department of Finance and Administration to ensure  
75 that the integrity of facilities designated as historic landmarks  
76 is not compromised by the installation of a universal changing  
77 table within such facilities.

78 (2) When reviewing applications for grant awards, the  
79 department shall give priority to applicants whose applications  
80 specify that in the installation of the universal changing table,  
81 the table is:

82 (a) Powered and height-adjustable, for safety of the  
83 person and caregiver assisting;

84 (b) Placed in single occupancy restrooms, universal to  
85 gender;

86 (c) Placed in a room with a minimum size of at least  
87 ten (10) feet by fourteen and six-tenths (14.6) feet, which allows  
88 for a turning radius of sixty (60) inches for the wheelchair in  
89 the middle of the room and thirty-six (36) inches of space at one  
90 (1) end of the table; and

91 (d) Made known to the visitors by the placement of  
92 clearly visible signage at the entrance of the building.

93 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
94 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 ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSAL CHANGING TABLES  
2 INSTALLATION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM ACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
3 CREATING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC ENTITIES LOCATED WITHIN  
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO INSTALL UNIVERSAL CHANGING TABLES  
5 WITHIN THE RESTROOM OF FACILITIES UNDER THEIR CONTROL; TO PROVIDE  
6 THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES SHALL  
7 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS SHALL BE FUNDED  
8 FROM MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND ANY OTHER SOURCES  
9 OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE; TO  
10 PROVIDE THAT THE GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
11 FUNDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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