

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1048

BY: Committee

**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.

