

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "MOBILE PERSONAL HYGIENE PILOT
2 PROGRAM ACT OF 2025"; TO PROVIDE THAT PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE A
3 THREE-YEAR PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
4 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AARON AND OLLYE
5 SHIRLEY FOUNDATION; TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FOUNDATION
6 TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DONATION, USE,
7 MAINTENANCE AND GARAGING OF A CIRCULATOR BUS, OR OTHER
8 UNIVERSITY-OWNED OR FOUNDATION-OWNED VEHICLE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
9 PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, TO BE USED AS THE MOBILE PERSONAL
10 HYGIENE FACILITY; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO
11 THE LEGISLATURE AND TO THE MISSISSIPPI INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
12 HOMELESSNESS; TO ESTABLISH IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND TO
13 BE DESIGNATED AS THE MOBILE PERSONAL HYGIENE FACILITY FUND; TO
14 PROVIDE FOR FUNDING TO THE PILOT PROGRAM ON A PHASED-IN BASIS
15 THROUGH LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

17 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
18 "Mobile Personal Hygiene Pilot Program Act of 2025."

19 SECTION 2. (1) (a) There is established within the Jackson
20 State University School of Public Health a three-year mobile
21 personal hygiene pilot program, hereinafter referred to as the
22 "pilot program," to provide a mobile facility that travels
23 throughout the State of Mississippi and provides shower and

24 bathroom facilities to individuals who are homeless, to enable
25 such individuals to tend to their personal hygiene.

26 (b) The pilot program shall be administered by the
27 Jackson State University School of Public Health, in conjunction
28 with the Aaron and Ollye Shirley Foundation.

29 (c) The pilot program shall be implemented within sixty
30 (60) days of the effective date of this act and shall continue for
31 three (3) years, subject to the availability of funds appropriated
32 by the Legislature under Section 4 of this act, or funds received
33 by the university as a gift, donation or bequest for such
34 purposes.

35 (2) (a) Jackson State University School of Public Health
36 and the Aaron and Ollye Shirley Foundation shall enter into a
37 memorandum of understanding for the donation, use, maintenance and
38 garaging of a circulator bus, or other university-owned or
39 foundation-owned vehicle appropriate for the purpose of the pilot
40 program, to be used as the mobile personal hygiene facility,
41 whether the bus or other vehicle is donated in-kind by the
42 university, the foundation or another third-party entity, whether
43 private or public.

44 (b) Based on the availability of funds authorized under
45 subsection (1) (c) of this section and deposited into the Mobile
46 Personal Hygiene Facility Fund established under Section 4 of this
47 act to implement the pilot program, funds may be used for the
48 purposes of:



49 (i) Converting, retrofitting and equipping the bus
50 or other vehicle for use as a mobile personal hygiene facility;
51 (ii) Operating the mobile personal hygiene
52 facility for the duration of the pilot program period; and
53 (iii) The collection of data and report
54 preparation as required by Section 3 of this act.

55 **SECTION 3.** By July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for the
56 duration of the pilot program, the Jackson State University School
57 of Public Health, in conjunction with the Aaron and Ollye Shirley
58 Foundation, shall prepare and submit a report of the data
59 collected to the House Public Health and Human Services Committee,
60 the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Senate Public
61 Health and Welfare Committee and the Mississippi Interagency
62 Council on Homelessness on the status of the pilot program. The
63 report shall include:



74 **SECTION 4.** (1) There is established in the State Treasury a

75 special fund to be designated as the Mobile Personal Hygiene

76 Facility Fund, which shall be administered by the dean of the

77 Jackson State University School of Public Health in accordance

78 with subsection (2) of this section. The fund shall consist of

79 revenues received and deposited from:

80 (a) Funds appropriated for the purposes of this act;

81 (b) Donations from the public;

82 (c) Donations from private entities;

83 (d) Funds provided through a sponsorship agreement; and

84 (e) Any funds remaining from the allocations authorized

85 by Section 2(2)(b) of this act.

86 (2) (a) Monies in the fund shall be used to implement,

87 operate, and administer the pilot program. Except as provided in

88 paragraph (b) of this subsection, the monies deposited into the

89 fund, and interest earned, shall not lapse into the State General

90 Fund at the end of a fiscal year.

91 (b) All monies in the fund not expended or obligated

92 upon the termination of the pilot program shall lapse into the

93 State General Fund, provided that if the pilot program is

94 continued or implemented as a permanent program, the monies in the

95 fund shall remain in the fund or be transferred to a fund

96 established for the permanent program, whichever is applicable.

97 (3) The Legislature shall appropriate funds to implement the

98 "Mobile Personal Hygiene Pilot Program Act of 2025" on a phased-in

99 basis with each phase based on a state appropriation of not less
100 than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for each fiscal
101 year of the pilot program. The first phase of appropriation
102 funding shall be used to fund the cost of implementing and
103 operating the Mobile Personal Hygiene Pilot Program, collecting
104 data and reporting the collected data to the legislative
105 committees and the Mississippi Interagency Council on Homelessness
106 as required by Section 3 of this act. Future annual phases shall
107 be based on interest in and the effectiveness of the pilot
108 program.

109 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
110 and after July 1, 2025.

