

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th)

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2721

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
2 TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT
3 FUND (CCDF) PLAN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN
4 PARENTS OR PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
5 CHILD CARE SERVICES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI CHILD CARE PAYMENT
6 PROGRAM (CCPP) AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL BY A CHILD CARE
7 PROVIDER OR THE CHILD'S PARENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER TO THE
8 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A
9 CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
10 TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT IN THE CCPP
11 AFTER THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Human Services
14 shall submit an amendment to the Mississippi Child Care
15 Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the Assistant Secretary for
16 Children and Families of the United States Department of Health
17 and Human Services to include the following provisions in the
18 Mississippi Child Care Payment Program (CCPP):

19 (a) Provide that the following persons who meet the
20 income and asset requirements of the program will be eligible for
21 child care services under the CCPP:



22 (i) A person enrolled full time in high school who
23 is the parent or primary caregiver of one (1) or more children who
24 reside with that person;

25 (ii) A person twenty-four (24) years of age or
26 younger who is enrolled full time in college or another
27 educational program or a job training program and who is the
28 parent or primary caregiver of two (2) or more children who reside
29 with that person;

30 (iii) A person who is disabled and who is the
31 parent or primary caregiver of one (1) or more children who reside
32 with that person; and

33 (iv) A person who is the grandparent of one (1) or
34 more children who reside with that person and who is the primary
35 caregiver of those children because the child's or children's
36 parent or parents are in a correctional facility.

37 (b) Provide that a child care provider or the child's
38 parent or primary caregiver may appeal the denial or revocation of
39 eligibility for a child care certificate to the Attorney General's
40 Office, which appeal will be heard by an attorney who is not
41 assigned to the Department of Human Services.

42 (2) After the plan amendment provided for in subsection (1)
43 of this section is approved, the Department of Human Services
44 shall implement the provisions of the amendment in the CCPP.

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2025.

