

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3070

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR
2 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING COSTS
3 ASSOCIATED WITH SERVING ABUSED CHILDREN AND CONDUCTING FORENSIC
4 INTERVIEWS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
8 Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi Fund not otherwise
9 appropriated, to the Attorney General for Children's Advocacy
10 Centers for the purpose of defraying costs associated with serving
11 abused children and conducting forensic interviews for the fiscal
12 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
13\$ 545,000.00.

14 **SECTION 2.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
15 Children's Advocacy Centers shall continue serving abused children
16 and conducting forensic interviews which aid in child abuse cases.

17 **SECTION 3.** It is the intent of the Legislature to:

18 (a) Transfer Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)
19 allocated for Children's Advocacy Centers at the Department of



20 Health in the Victim Services Fund via the Office Against Personal
21 Interpersonal Violence to the Children's Advocacy Centers of
22 Mississippi Fund.

23 (b) Transfer Three Million Five Hundred Thousand
24 Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) to the Children's Advocacy Centers of
25 Mississippi Fund to replace lost federal Victims of Crime Act
26 funding.

27 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
28 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Children's Advocacy
29 Centers of Mississippi Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon
30 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
31 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
32 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

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

