

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF REIMBURSEMENT TO CHILD CARE
2 FACILITIES FOR THE COST OF OBTAINING CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND
3 CHECKS AND CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY CHECKS FOR OPERATORS, CAREGIVERS
4 AND RESIDENTS OF THE FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a program of
7 reimbursement to child care facilities for the cost of obtaining
8 criminal records background checks and child abuse registry checks
9 for operators, caregivers and residents of the facilities as
10 required under Section 43-20-8.

11 (2) The reimbursement program shall be administered by the
12 Office of Family and Children's Services of the Department of
13 Human Services. The department shall adopt such rules and
14 regulations as necessary for the administration of the program.
15 The maximum amount of reimbursement for any one (1) licensed child
16 care facility is Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).

17 (3) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund,
18 in which any funds made available for the reimbursement program
19 will be maintained.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2002.

