

By: Representative Fleming

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 420

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

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

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

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

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

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2007.