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HOUSE BILL NO. 1313
 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL KINKADE
 2 FOSTERING ACCESS AND INSPIRING TRUE HOPE (FAITH) SCHOLARSHIP
 3 PROGRAM," FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN YOUTH TO
 4 ATTEND APPROVED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO
 5 AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANY PERSON WHO WAS PLACED
 6 EITHER IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD
 7 PROTECTION SERVICES (MDCPS) OR AT A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CHILD
 8 CARE AGENCY AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER THE PERSON'S 13TH BIRTHDAY; TO
 9 FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANY PERSON WHO WAS
 10 ADOPTED FROM MDCPS'S CUSTODY OR WHILE RESIDING AT A QUALIFIED
 11 RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AGENCY AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER THE PERSON'S
 12 13TH BIRTHDAY; TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT KINKADE FAITH SCHOLARSHIP
 13 APPLICANTS MUST BE YOUNGER THAN THE AGE OF 25; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
 14 MISSISSIPPI POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD
 15 SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; TO PRESCRIBE INITIAL AND CONTINUING
 16 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING A KINKADE FAITH
 17 SCHOLARSHIP; TO ADDRESS SUMMER AND HOLIDAY ROOM AND BOARD
 18 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR KINKADE FAITH SCHOLARS AT APPROVED
 19 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO ESTABLISH THE STATE
 20 REPRESENTATIVE BILL KINKADE FOSTERING ACCESS AND INSPIRING TRUE
 21 HOPE (FAITH) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND; TO AMEND SECTION
 22 93-19-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS 18 YEARS
 23 OF AGE OR OLDER TO ENTER LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACTS FOR THE LEASE
 24 OF REAL PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED UTILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION
 25 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE LIMITED



26 DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS INVOLVING CHILDREN BY MDCPS TO STUDENT
27 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

29 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
30 as the "State Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and
31 Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program."

32 (2) As used in this section, the following terms shall have
33 the meaning ascribed in this subsection, unless context of use
34 clearly requires otherwise:

35 (a) "Approved postsecondary educational institution"
36 means any public state-supported institution of higher learning,
37 community or junior college, or any not-for-profit private
38 institution of higher learning in the state. The term does not
39 include proprietary colleges or universities.

40 (b) "Board" means the Mississippi Postsecondary
41 Education Financial Assistance Board established in Section
42 37-106-9, which is authorized and empowered to administer the
43 provisions of Title 37, Chapter 106, Mississippi Code of 1972.

44 (c) "Director" means the individual designated by the
45 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to
46 administer the provisions of the various financial assistance
47 programs by promulgating the necessary rules and regulations for
48 their effective administration.

49 (d) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of
50 Child Protection Services.

51 (e) "Eligible student" means:



52 (i) Any individual who is younger than twenty-five
53 (25) years of age who was placed in the legal custody of the
54 Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services by a youth
55 court or through other legal means and who was in the legal
56 custody of the department at any time on or after attaining
57 thirteen (13) years of age;

58 (ii) Any individual who is younger than
59 twenty-five (25) years of age who was placed in a qualified
60 residential child care agency by a parent, legal guardian, court
61 of competent jurisdiction, or other person or entity acting in the
62 best interest of the individual and who did reside in a qualified
63 residential child care agency at any time on or after attaining
64 thirteen (13) years of age; or

65 (iii) Any individual who is younger than
66 twenty-five (25) years of age who was adopted from the
67 department's legal custody or adopted while residing at a
68 qualified residential child care agency as described in paragraph
69 (f) of this subsection at any time on or after attaining thirteen
70 (13) years of age.

71 (f) "Qualified residential child care agency" means an
72 entity that provides a home for children and was licensed by the
73 Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services at the time
74 that the scholarship applicant was housed by the agency.



75 (g) "Scholarship" means the State Representative Bill
76 Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH)
77 Scholarship.

78 (3) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
79 Assistance Board, with the assistance of the Mississippi
80 Department Child Protection Services shall develop and administer
81 the Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program for eligible students.
82 Commencing with the 2023-2024 academic year, the board shall
83 approve scholarships to eligible students who meet the general
84 requirements set forth in subsection (8) of this section.
85 Scholarships shall be used to pay up to the cost of attendance at
86 any approved postsecondary educational institution, provided that
87 payments to any not-for-profit private institution of higher
88 learning shall not exceed the average cost of attendance required
89 by all of the public state-supported institutions of higher
90 learning.

91 (4) Payments up to the cost of attendance are considered
92 program scholarships.

93 (5) The Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program shall include a
94 mentor service administered by the department as a support system
95 for scholarship recipients. This service shall include mentors
96 who shall be compensated by the department, as employees or
97 contractors, to help participants adapt to independent living,
98 academics and other college or university activities.



99 (6) (a) Initial recipients shall be selected from all
100 eligible students based on rules promulgated by the board. In the
101 second and subsequent years of the program, priority consideration
102 shall first be given to renewal applicants.

103 (b) The board shall develop rules for ensuring that
104 expenses of the scholarship program in a fiscal year do not exceed
105 funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose,
106 and any other provision of this section to the contrary
107 notwithstanding, the board may limit the acceptance of scholarship
108 applications and may limit the award of scholarships.

109 (7) The program shall pay up to the student's cost of
110 attendance for up to five (5) years, except as otherwise provided
111 in subsection (10) of this section. In no event shall the cost of
112 attendance be paid pursuant to this section for more than
113 seventy-two (72) credit hours at a community college or one
114 hundred forty-four (144) credit hours at a four-year college. The
115 program shall only pay up to cost of attendance for courses
116 leading to an undergraduate credential or degree. Scholarship
117 funds may be disbursed only if sufficient funding for the
118 scholarship program is available.

119 (8) To participate in the program, a scholarship applicant
120 shall satisfy the following general eligibility requirements:

121 (a) Be an eligible student as defined in subsection
122 (2) (e) of this section;



123 (b) Be accepted for enrollment in a degree or
124 certificate program at an approved postsecondary educational
125 institution; and

126 (c) Have completed and submitted to the United States
127 Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid
128 (FAFSA) before each year in which he or she receives a
129 scholarship. He or she shall have applied for all federal student
130 financial assistance, including Educational and Training Vouchers.

131 (9) To receive a renewal scholarship, a student shall
132 satisfy the following continuing eligibility requirements:

133 (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward the
134 completion of a degree or certificate as determined by rules
135 promulgated by the board and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA for
136 consecutive or nonconsecutive semesters of enrollment; and

137 (b) Remain in good standing with the policies
138 established by the approved postsecondary educational institution.

139 (10) The age limitation under subsection (2)(e) of this
140 section shall be extended by the total number of years during
141 which the student was on active duty status in the United States
142 Armed Forces. The number of months served on active duty status
143 in the United States Armed Forces shall be rounded up to the next
144 higher year to determine the maximum length of eligibility
145 extension allowed.

146 (11) The scholarship will include any costs associated with
147 room and board during institutional holidays at approved



148 postsecondary educational institutions where such accommodations
149 are available.

150 (12) Funds can be combined with any other federal,
151 institutional, or private scholarships to meet the student's full
152 cost of attendance. No other gift aid should be reduced or
153 supplanted by the Kinkade FAITH scholarship. However, in no case
154 shall the FAITH scholarship be combined with other gift aid to
155 exceed cost of attendance.

156 (13) The board shall promulgate rules as necessary to
157 implement and administer this section.

158 (14) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

159 (a) Guarantee acceptance of or entrance into any
160 approved postsecondary educational institution for an eligible
161 student;

162 (b) Limit the participation of an eligible student in
163 any other program of financial assistance for postsecondary
164 education;

165 (c) Require any approved postsecondary educational
166 institution to waive costs or fees relating to room and board; or

167 (d) Restrict any approved postsecondary educational
168 institution, the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
169 Assistance Board, or the Department of Child Protection Services
170 from accessing other sources of financial assistance, except
171 loans, that may be available to an eligible student.



172 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
173 special fund to be designated as the "Kinkade Fostering Access and
174 Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Fund." The
175 special fund shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made
176 available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any
177 other source designated for deposit into the special fund. Monies
178 in the fund shall only be spent upon appropriation by the
179 Legislature to the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
180 Assistance Board and shall only be used by the Board for the
181 purpose of implementing the scholarship program established in
182 Section 1 of this act.

183 (2) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the
184 end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund
185 but shall remain in the Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program Fund.
186 Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the
187 special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

188 **SECTION 3.** Section 93-19-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
189 amended as follows:

190 93-19-13. (1) All persons eighteen (18) years of age or
191 older, if not otherwise disqualified, or prohibited by law, shall
192 have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships
193 affecting personal property. In addition, all persons eighteen
194 (18) years of age or older shall have the capacity to enter into
195 binding contractual relationships for the purpose of investing in
196 mutual funds, stocks, bonds and any other publicly traded



197 equities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect
198 any contracts entered into prior to July 1, 1976.

199 (2) Any person who, upon attaining eighteen (18) years of
200 age, but not having reached the age of majority, was in or remains
201 in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services or Child
202 Protection Services and residing within a qualified residential
203 child care agency, as defined in Section 1 of this act, at any
204 time on or after attaining thirteen (13) years of age, if not
205 otherwise disqualified or prohibited by law, shall have the
206 capacity to enter into binding agreements to lease real property
207 to be occupied by the person as the actual place of residence, and
208 to secure the necessary utility services necessary to make such
209 place of residence habitable, including, but not limited to,
210 electricity, natural gas, propane, water, sewage, garbage disposal
211 and Internet services.

212 (3) In any legal action founded on a contract entered into
213 by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, the said person
214 may sue in his own name as an adult and be sued in his own name as
215 an adult and be served with process as an adult.

216 **SECTION 4.** Section 43-21-261, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
217 amended as follows:

218 43-21-261. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
219 section, records involving children shall not be disclosed, other
220 than to necessary staff or officials of the youth court, a
221 guardian ad litem appointed to a child by the court, or a



222 Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who may be
223 assigned in an abuse and neglect case, except pursuant to an order
224 of the youth court specifying the person or persons to whom the
225 records may be disclosed, the extent of the records which may be
226 disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Such court orders
227 for disclosure shall be limited to those instances in which the
228 youth court concludes, in its discretion, that disclosure is
229 required for the best interests of the child, the public safety,
230 the functioning of the youth court, or to identify a person who
231 knowingly made a false allegation of child abuse or neglect, and
232 then only to the following persons:

233 (a) The judge of another youth court or member of
234 another youth court staff;

235 (b) The court of the parties in a child custody or
236 adoption cause in another court;

237 (c) A judge of any other court or members of another
238 court staff, including the chancery court that ordered a forensic
239 interview;

240 (d) Representatives of a public or private agency
241 providing supervision or having custody of the child under order
242 of the youth court;

243 (e) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose,
244 provided that no information identifying the subject of the
245 records shall be made available to the researcher unless it is
246 absolutely essential to the research purpose and the judge gives



247 prior written approval, and the child, through his or her
248 representative, gives permission to release the information;

249 (f) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security,
250 or its duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of a
251 child's enrollment into the Job Corps Training Program as
252 authorized by Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment Training
253 Act of 1973 (29 USCS Section 923 et seq.). However, no records,
254 reports, investigations or information derived therefrom
255 pertaining to child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed;

256 (g) Any person pursuant to a finding by a judge of the
257 youth court of compelling circumstances affecting the health,
258 safety or well-being of a child and that such disclosure is in the
259 best interests of the child or an adult who was formerly the
260 subject of a youth court delinquency proceeding;

261 (h) A person who was the subject of a knowingly made
262 false allegation of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a
263 conviction of a perpetrator in accordance with Section 97-35-47 or
264 which allegation was referred by the Department of Child
265 Protection Services to a prosecutor or law enforcement official in
266 accordance with the provisions of Section 43-21-353(4).

267 Law enforcement agencies may disclose information to the
268 public concerning the taking of a child into custody for the
269 commission of a delinquent act without the necessity of an order
270 from the youth court. The information released shall not identify



271 the child or his address unless the information involves a child
272 convicted as an adult.

273 (2) Any records involving children which are disclosed under
274 an order of the youth court or pursuant to the terms of this
275 section and the contents thereof shall be kept confidential by the
276 person or agency to whom the record is disclosed unless otherwise
277 provided in the order. Any further disclosure of any records
278 involving children shall be made only under an order of the youth
279 court as provided in this section.

280 (3) Upon request, the parent, guardian or custodian of the
281 child who is the subject of a youth court cause or any attorney
282 for such parent, guardian or custodian, shall have the right to
283 inspect any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter
284 to be heard by a youth court, except that the identity of the
285 reporter shall not be released, nor the name of any other person
286 where the person or agency making the information available finds
287 that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the
288 life or safety of such person. The attorney for the parent,
289 guardian or custodian of the child, upon request, shall be
290 provided a copy of any record, report or investigation relevant to
291 a matter to be heard by a youth court, but the identity of the
292 reporter must be redacted and the name of any other person must
293 also be redacted if the person or agency making the information
294 available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely
295 to endanger the life, safety or well-being of the person. A



296 record provided to the attorney under this section must remain in
297 the attorney's control and the attorney may not provide copies or
298 access to another person or entity without prior consent of a
299 court with appropriate jurisdiction.

300 (4) Upon request, the child who is the subject of a youth
301 court cause shall have the right to have his counsel inspect and
302 copy any record, report or investigation which is filed with the
303 youth court or which is to be considered by the youth court at a
304 hearing.

305 (5) (a) The youth court prosecutor or prosecutors, the
306 county attorney, the district attorney, the youth court defender
307 or defenders, or any attorney representing a child shall have the
308 right to inspect and copy any law enforcement record involving
309 children.

310 (b) The Department of Child Protection Services shall
311 disclose to a county prosecuting attorney or district attorney any
312 and all records resulting from an investigation into suspected
313 child abuse or neglect when the case has been referred by the
314 Department of Child Protection Services to the county prosecuting
315 attorney or district attorney for criminal prosecution.

316 (c) Agency records made confidential under the
317 provisions of this section may be disclosed to a court of
318 competent jurisdiction.

319 (d) Records involving children shall be disclosed to
320 the Division of Victim Compensation of the Office of the Attorney



321 General upon the division's request without order of the youth
322 court for purposes of determination of eligibility for victim
323 compensation benefits.

324 (6) Information concerning an investigation into a report of
325 child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed by the Department of
326 Child Protection Services without order of the youth court to any
327 attorney, physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse,
328 psychologist, social worker, family protection worker, family
329 protection specialist, child caregiver, minister, law enforcement
330 officer, or a public or private school employee making that report
331 pursuant to Section 43-21-353(1) if the reporter has a continuing
332 professional relationship with the child and a need for such
333 information in order to protect or treat the child.

334 (7) Information concerning an investigation into a report of
335 child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further
336 order of the youth court to any interagency child abuse task force
337 established in any county or municipality by order of the youth
338 court of that county or municipality.

339 (8) Names and addresses of juveniles twice adjudicated as
340 delinquent for an act which would be a felony if committed by an
341 adult or for the unlawful possession of a firearm shall not be
342 held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

343 (9) Names and addresses of juveniles adjudicated as
344 delinquent for murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, armed
345 robbery, aggravated assault, any sex offense as defined in Section



346 45-33-23, for any violation of Section 41-29-139(a) (1) or for any
347 violation of Section 63-11-30, shall not be held confidential and
348 shall be made available to the public.

349 (10) The judges of the circuit and county courts, and
350 presentence investigators for the circuit courts, as provided in
351 Section 47-7-9, shall have the right to inspect any youth court
352 records of a person convicted of a crime for sentencing purposes
353 only.

354 (11) The victim of an offense committed by a child who is
355 the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to be
356 informed of the child's disposition by the youth court.

357 (12) A classification hearing officer of the State
358 Department of Corrections, as provided in Section 47-5-103, shall
359 have the right to inspect any youth court records, excluding abuse
360 and neglect records, of any offender in the custody of the
361 department who as a child or minor was a juvenile offender or was
362 the subject of a youth court cause of action, and the State Parole
363 Board, as provided in Section 47-7-17, shall have the right to
364 inspect such records when the offender becomes eligible for
365 parole.

366 (13) The youth court shall notify the Department of Public
367 Safety of the name, and any other identifying information such
368 department may require, of any child who is adjudicated delinquent
369 as a result of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances
370 Law.



371 (14) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have the
372 right to inspect any youth court records in order that the number
373 of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent
374 children, as well as children in need of special care and children
375 in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through
376 the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking
377 forms for such purpose.

378 (15) Upon a request by a youth court, the Administrative
379 Office of Courts shall disclose all information at its disposal
380 concerning any previous youth court intakes alleging that a child
381 was a delinquent child, child in need of supervision, child in
382 need of special care, truant child, abused child or neglected
383 child, as well as any previous youth court adjudications for the
384 same and all dispositional information concerning a child who at
385 the time of such request comes under the jurisdiction of the youth
386 court making such request.

387 (16) The Administrative Office of Courts may, in its
388 discretion, disclose to the Department of Public Safety any or all
389 of the information involving children contained in the office's
390 youth court data management system known as Mississippi Youth
391 Court Information Delivery System or "MYCIDS."

392 (17) The youth courts of the state shall disclose to the
393 Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
394 Expenditure Review (PEER) any youth court records in order that
395 the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and



396 dependent children, as well as children in need of special care
397 and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with
398 specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and
399 to utilize tracking forms for such purpose. The disclosure
400 prescribed in this subsection shall not require a court order and
401 shall be made in sortable, electronic format where possible. The
402 PEER Committee may seek the assistance of the Administrative
403 Office of Courts in seeking this information. The PEER Committee
404 shall not disclose the identities of any youth who have been
405 adjudicated in the youth courts of the state and shall only use
406 the disclosed information for the purpose of monitoring the
407 effectiveness and efficiency of programs established to assist
408 adjudicated youth, and to ascertain the incidence of adjudicated
409 youth who become adult offenders.

410 (18) In every case where an abuse or neglect allegation has
411 been made, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall
412 not apply to prohibit access to a child's records by any state
413 regulatory agency, any state or local prosecutorial agency or law
414 enforcement agency; however, no identifying information concerning
415 the child in question may be released to the public by such agency
416 except as otherwise provided herein.

417 (19) In every case of child abuse or neglect, if a child's
418 physical condition is medically labeled as medically "serious" or
419 "critical" or a child dies, the confidentiality provisions of this
420 section shall not apply. In such cases, the following information



421 may be released by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection
422 Services: the cause of the circumstances regarding the fatality
423 or medically serious or critical physical condition; the age and
424 gender of the child; information describing any previous reports
425 of child abuse or neglect investigations that are pertinent to the
426 child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically
427 serious or critical physical condition; the result of any such
428 investigations; and the services provided by and actions of the
429 state on behalf of the child that are pertinent to the child abuse
430 or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or
431 critical physical condition.

432 (20) Any member of a foster care review board designated by
433 the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the right
434 to inspect youth court records relating to the abuse, neglect or
435 child in need of supervision cases assigned to such member for
436 review.

437 (21) Information concerning an investigation into a report
438 of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further
439 order of the youth court in any administrative or due process
440 hearing held, pursuant to Section 43-21-257, by the Department of
441 Child Protection Services for individuals whose names will be
442 placed on the central registry as substantiated perpetrators.

443 (22) The Department of Child Protection Services may
444 disclose records involving children to the following:



445 (a) A foster home, residential child-caring agency or
446 child-placing agency to the extent necessary to provide such care
447 and services to a child;

448 (b) An individual, agency or organization that provides
449 services to a child or the child's family in furtherance of the
450 child's permanency plan to the extent necessary in providing those
451 services;

452 (c) Health and mental health care providers of a child
453 to the extent necessary for the provider to properly treat and
454 care for the child;

455 (d) An educational institution or educational services
456 provider where the child is enrolled or where enrollment is
457 anticipated to the extent necessary for the school to provide
458 appropriate services to the child; * * *

459 (e) Any state agency or board that administers student
460 financial assistance programs. However, any records request under
461 this paragraph shall be initiated by the agency or board for the
462 purpose determining the child's eligibility for student financial
463 assistance, and any disclosure shall be limited to the
464 verification of the child's age during the period of time in which
465 the child was in the department's legal custody; and

466 (* * *f) Any other state agency if the disclosure is
467 necessary to the department in fulfilling its statutory
468 responsibilities in protecting the best interests of the child.



469 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
470 and after July 1, 2022.

