

By: Representative Scott

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE
 2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO PREPARE A
 3 VIDEO FOR PRESENTATION IN THE OFFICES IN WHICH TANF BENEFITS, SNAP
 4 BENEFITS, FOOD THROUGH THE WIC PROGRAM, MEDICAID ASSISTANCE AND
 5 CHIP BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED BY THOSE AGENCIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
 6 VIDEO SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPER NUTRITION, HEALTHY
 7 EATING HABITS, PREVENTION OF AND REDUCING OBESITY, AND THE
 8 IMPORTANCE OF BREAST-FEEDING INFANTS; TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS
 9 FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF THOSE BENEFITS MAY VIEW THE VIDEO IN THE
 10 OFFICE OF THE AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the term "agency"
 13 means the Mississippi Department of Human Services for applicants
 14 for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 15 (TANF) benefits and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 16 (SNAP) benefits; the State Department of Health for applicants for
 17 and recipients of food through the Women, Infants and Children's
 18 Nutrition Program (WIC); and the Division of Medicaid for
 19 applicants for and recipients of Medicaid assistance and
 20 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits.

21 (2) (a) The agency shall prepare a video in an appropriate
 22 medium for presentation in the main or local offices in which the



23 benefits specified in subsection (1) of this section are provided
24 by the agency. The video shall provide information about proper
25 nutrition, healthy eating habits, preventing and reducing obesity,
26 and, for WIC recipients, the importance of breast-feeding infants.

27 (b) Applicants for and recipients of the benefits
28 specified in subsection (1) of this section may view the video in
29 the main or local office of the agency.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2024.

