

By: Representative Roberson

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-125-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICAL THERAPISTS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE PRIOR WORK  
3 EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO WORK AT A PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED  
4 CARE CENTER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-125-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 41-125-19. (1) To carry out the intention of the  
9 Legislature to provide safe and sanitary facilities and healthful  
10 programs, the licensing agency shall adopt and publish rules to  
11 implement the provisions of this chapter, which shall include  
12 reasonable and fair standards. Any conflict between these  
13 standards and those that may be set forth in local, county or city  
14 ordinances shall be resolved in favor of those having statewide  
15 effect. Those standards shall relate to:

16 (a) The assurance that PPEC services are family  
17 centered and provide individualized medical, developmental and  
18 family training services.



19 (b) The maintenance of PPEC centers, based upon the  
20 size of the structure and number of children, relating to  
21 plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation and other building  
22 conditions, including adequate space, which will ensure the  
23 health, safety, comfort and protection from fire of the children  
24 served.

25 (c) The appropriate provisions of the most recent  
26 edition of the "Life Safety Code" shall be applied.

27 (d) The number and qualifications of all personnel who  
28 have responsibility for the care of the children served.

29 (e) All sanitary conditions within the PPEC center and  
30 its surroundings, including water supply, sewage disposal, food  
31 handling and general hygiene, and maintenance thereof, which will  
32 ensure the health and comfort of children served.

33 (f) Programs and basic services promoting and  
34 maintaining the health and development of the children served and  
35 meeting the training needs of the children's parents or legal  
36 guardians.

37 (g) Supportive, contracted, other operational and  
38 transportation services. However, the licensing agency may not  
39 require physical therapists to have prior work experience in order  
40 to work at a PPEC center.

41 (h) Maintenance of appropriate medical records, data  
42 and information relative to the children and programs. Those



43 records shall be maintained in the facility for inspection by the  
44 agency.

45 (2) The licensing agency shall adopt rules to ensure that:

46 (a) No child attends a PPEC center for more than twelve  
47 (12) hours within a twenty-four-hour period.

48 (b) No PPEC center provides services other than those  
49 provided to medically or technologically dependent children.

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

