

By: Representative Hines

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPRISED OF  
3 MEMBERS THAT ARE APPOINTED BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CHILD  
4 CARE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-20-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 43-20-7. (1) There is hereby created an advisory council  
9 which shall be appointed by the State Health Officer, who shall  
10 serve at the pleasure of the State Health Officer.

11 (2) The advisory council shall consist of twelve (12)  
12 persons, \* \* \* who shall be appointed based on recommendations  
13 from child care providers throughout the state.

14 (3) It shall be the duty of the advisory council to assist  
15 and advise the licensing agency in the development of regulations  
16 governing the licensure and regulation of child care facilities  
17 and to advise the licensing agency on matters relative to the  
18 administration and interpretation of the provisions of this  
19 chapter.



20 (4) Members of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for  
21 mileage and expenses as is authorized by law.

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

