

By: Representative Porter

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 359

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 2 TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT
 3 FUND (CCDF) PLAN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN
 4 PARENTS OR PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
 5 CHILD CARE SERVICES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI CHILD CARE PAYMENT
 6 PROGRAM (CCPP) AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL BY A CHILD CARE
 7 PROVIDER OR THE CHILD'S PARENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER TO THE
 8 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A
 9 CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 10 TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT IN THE CCPP
 11 AFTER THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Human Services
 14 shall submit an amendment to the Mississippi Child Care
 15 Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the Assistant Secretary for
 16 Children and Families of the United State Department of Health and
 17 Human Services to include the following provisions in the
 18 Mississippi Child Care Payment Program (CCPP):

19 (a) Provide that the following persons who meet the
 20 income and asset requirements of the program will be eligible for
 21 child care services under the CCPP:



22 (i) A person enrolled full time in high school who
23 is the parent or primary caregiver of one (1) or more children who
24 reside with that person;

25 (ii) A person twenty-four (24) years or younger
26 who is enrolled full time in college or other educational program
27 or a job training program and who is the parent or primary
28 caregiver of two (2) or more children who reside with that person;

29 (iii) A person who is disabled and who is the
30 parent or primary caregiver of one (1) or more children who reside
31 with that person; and

32 (iv) A person who is the grandparent of one (1) or
33 more children who reside with that person and who is the primary
34 caregiver of those children because the child's or children's
35 parent or parents are in a correctional facility.

36 (b) Provide that a child care provider or the child's
37 parent or primary caregiver may appeal the denial or revocation of
38 eligibility for a child care certificate to the Attorney General's
39 Office, which appeal will be heard by an attorney who is not
40 assigned to the Department of Human Services.

41 (2) After the plan amendment provided for in subsection (1)
42 of this section is approved, the Department of Human Services
43 shall implement the provisions of the amendment in the CCPP.

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

