

By: Representative Arnold

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 650

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST HOSPITALS WITH THE  
2 COST OF PURCHASING BABY SAFETY DEVICES FOR LOCATION AND OPERATION  
3 AT THE HOSPITAL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE  
4 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, AND  
5 WILL BE FUNDED FROM FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
6 THAT PURPOSE BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the following terms  
9 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

10 (a) "Baby safety device" shall have the meaning as  
11 defined in Section 43-15-201.

12 (b) "Hospital" means a licensed hospital as defined in  
13 Section 41-9-3 that operates an emergency department.

14 (2) There is created a grant program to assist hospitals  
15 with the cost of purchasing baby safety devices for location and  
16 operation at the hospital. The grant program shall be  
17 administered by the Department of Child Protection Services as  
18 provided in this section and in accordance with such regulations  
19 as adopted by the department. The grant program shall be funded



20 from funds made available to the department for that purpose by  
21 the Legislature.

22 (3) The department shall make grants under the program in  
23 accordance with the following provisions:

24 (a) A hospital must make application to the department  
25 for a grant and provide all information about the hospital and the  
26 proposed use of the grant as required by the department;

27 (b) The department shall make grants available to at  
28 least one (1) hospital in each county in which a hospital is  
29 located;

30 (c) The maximum amount of a grant to any one (1)  
31 hospital shall not be more than Thirty Thousand Dollars  
32 (\$30,000.00);

33 (d) A hospital receiving a grant must purchase, install  
34 and have in operation a baby safety device at the hospital within  
35 one (1) year after receiving the grant, or the hospital shall be  
36 required to repay the amount of the grant to the department.

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

