

By: Representative Paden

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1392

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
2 TO CREATE A TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH AFTERCARE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR
3 YOUNG ADULTS, AGED EIGHTEEN THROUGH TWENTY-FOUR, WHO WERE
4 PREVIOUSLY IN FOSTER CARE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Child Protection Services
7 shall create a transition-aged youth aftercare housing program
8 within the department for young adults who were previously in the
9 custody of the department on or after the age of sixteen (16)
10 years. The transition-age youth aftercare program shall cover
11 emergency housing needs and supportive services to assist youth in
12 maintaining ongoing stable housing.

13 (2) The department shall promulgate program rules and
14 procedures for the program and dedicate funds annually. Youth
15 ages eighteen (18) - twenty-four (24) years of age may be served
16 if they meet the criteria for homeless or at-risk for homelessness
17 under the Housing and Urban Development agency's definition. All
18 services must be administered without discrimination as it relates
19 to race, gender, sexual orientation or disability status.



20 (3) The department may utilize state funds to draw down
21 funds from federal funding sources including, but not limited to,
22 Title IV-E funding from the Administration for Children and
23 Families, John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, or
24 Housing and Urban Development for such program.

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

