



2025 Legislative Updates

Effective July 1, 2025

House Bill 1387 - Kinship Payments for Foster Children

House Bill 1387 amends Miss Code Sections 43-15-17 and 43-21-105 to expand eligibility for reimbursement for fostering children, revising the definition of fictive kin. More specifically, it expands to close family friends, church members, teachers and any other person close to the child or children. This is done to keep the affected children close to a relative or someone familiar.

Senate Bill 2771 - Youth Court Permanency Hearings

Senate Bill 2771 amends Miss Code Section 43-21-613 requiring permanency hearings for children that are adjudicated abused or neglected be held within three months of adjudication or removal, then every three months thereafter. This bill also further clarifies responsibilities regarding training for attorneys representing a child in delinquency or children in need of supervision.



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