

SENATE BILL 337  
By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-130,  
relative to state-funded day care services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, 71-1-130, is amended by adding the  
following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) As used in this subsection, "DHS day care reimbursement clean claim" means a day care provider claim for payment on authorized day care services and/or related transportation rendered to one or more clients of the department of human services, provided the claim possesses no defect, impropriety or unusual circumstance requiring special treatment that reasonably prevents the department from making timely payment on the claim.

(2) Payment for a DHS day care reimbursement clean claim shall be issued, mailed or otherwise transmitted by the department of human services to the day care provider within the fourteen (14) calendar day period following the date on which such claim is issued, mailed or otherwise transmitted by the day care provider to the department.

(3) If payment for such claim is not issued, mailed or otherwise transmitted by the department to the provider within such fourteen (14) calendar day period, then the department shall owe interest on the claim which shall be

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paid to the day care provider at the average prime loan rate (or the average short-term business loan rate, however denominated), as published by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the period beginning on the day after such fourteen (14) calendar day period and ending on the date on which payment for such claim is actually made to such provider by the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.