

By: Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 968
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS
3 TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS, AND
4 TO DELETE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH
5 TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 43-27-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, as
8 amended by Senate Bill No. 2143, 1999 Regular Session, which
9 became law after veto by approval of the Legislature during the
10 2000 Regular Session, is amended as follows:[RDD1]

11 43-27-107. The Department of Human Services is authorized to
12 set the qualifications necessary for all social workers employed
13 by the department, which shall at a minimum require state
14 licensure as a social worker, and shall not be required to go
15 through the State Personnel Board or use the qualifications set by
16 the Personnel Board in employing social workers for the
17 department. All social workers employed by the department shall
18 be state service employees from the date of their employment with
19 the department; however, to carry out its responsibilities, the
20 department may use any available federal funds to employ such
21 additional social workers as it can employ in time-limited * * *
22 positions. All social worker positions existing before July 1,
23 1998, will remain state service.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2000.