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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1396

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO  
2 REVIEW THE RECORDS OF FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE  
3 TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS AFTER MARCH 12, 1997, AND HAVE  
4 SUBSEQUENTLY CEASED RECEIVING TANF BENEFITS, TO DETERMINE IF ANY  
5 OF THOSE FAMILIES HAVE CHILDREN WHO ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR  
6 MEDICAID BENEFITS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES  
7 THAT ANY FAMILY WHO HAS CEASED RECEIVING TANF BENEFITS HAS ANY  
8 CHILDREN WHO WERE AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED FROM MEDICAID  
9 ASSISTANCE WHEN THE FAMILY'S TANF BENEFITS CEASED BUT WHO ARE  
10 STILL ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID ASSISTANCE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 IMMEDIATELY REENROLL THOSE CHILDREN IN MEDICAID; AND FOR RELATED  
12 PURPOSES.

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

14 SECTION 1. The State Department of Human Services shall  
15 review the records of families who received Temporary Assistance  
16 to Needy Families (TANF) benefits after March 12, 1997, and have  
17 subsequently ceased receiving TANF benefits, to determine if any  
18 of those families have children who are still eligible for  
19 Medicaid benefits. If the department determines that any family  
20 who has ceased receiving TANF benefits has any children who were  
21 automatically terminated from Medicaid assistance when the  
22 family's TANF benefits ceased but who are still eligible for  
23 Medicaid assistance, the department shall immediately reenroll  
24 those children in Medicaid.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after its passage.