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To: Public Health and  
Welfare;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-4-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
3 HEALTH THAT IS PREPARED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
4 AND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE STATE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO INCLUDE A LINE ITEM FOR  
6 OUT-OF-STATE SERVICES OR TREATMENT FOR STATE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE  
7 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT ARE SO SEVERE THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE  
8 TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR THEIR CONDITIONS AT MENTAL  
9 HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 41-4-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
12 amended as follows:[RF1]

13 41-4-21. (1) For the operations of all facilities placed  
14 under the control of the department and for all of its operations,  
15 the board shall adopt a uniform system of reporting and accounting  
16 approved by the State Department of Audit, and shall prepare an  
17 annual report to the Legislature setting forth the disbursements  
18 of all moneys appropriated and specifying the facilities and  
19 activities upon which funds were expended.

20 (2) The board shall prepare annually, or cause to be  
21 prepared, a budget for the total operation of the department for  
22 the ensuing fiscal period in the manner and form as required by  
23 the Legislative Budget Office. The board shall include in its  
24 budget request each year a request for a line item for funds to  
25 pay for out-of-state services or treatment for those residents of  
26 the state who have mental health conditions that are so severe or  
27 acute that they are not able to receive adequate treatment for  
28 their conditions at mental health facilities in the state. The  
29 Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall include in its annual

30 recommended state budget a line item in the budget for the  
31 department for the services described in the preceding sentence,  
32 and the Legislature shall include in the annual appropriation bill  
33 for the department a line item for the services described in the  
34 preceding sentence.

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