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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2603

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, is
8 amended as follows:[RDD1]

9 43-27-107. The Department of Human Services is authorized to
10 set the qualifications necessary for all social workers employed
11 by the department, which shall at a minimum require state
12 licensure as a social worker, and shall not be required to go
13 through the State Personnel Board or use the qualifications set by
14 the personnel board in employing social workers for the
15 department. All social workers employed by the department shall
16 be state service employees from the date of their employment with
17 the department; provided, however, that to carry out its
18 responsibilities, the department may use any available federal
19 funds to employ such additional social workers as it can employ in
20 time-limited positions. All social worker positions existing
21 before July 1, 1998, will remain state service.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

23 and after July 1, 2000.