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SENATE BILL NO. 2924  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION OF THE  
3 STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[CRG1]

8 49-37-9. (1) Before October 1, 2001, the Mississippi  
9 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council  
10 shall develop and prepare a strategic plan for the development and  
11 implementation of a statewide scientific information management  
12 system.

13 (2) The strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to,  
14 the following:

15 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts  
16 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected  
17 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage  
18 that scientific information;

19 (b) An identification of the current costs of  
20 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination  
21 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on  
22 costs to state agencies;

23 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and  
24 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad  
25 access to that information;

26 (d) An identification of planned scientific information  
27 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those

28 planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the  
29 statewide scientific information management system;

30 (e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the  
31 mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific  
32 information management system;

33 (f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and  
34 capabilities of a statewide scientific information management  
35 system;

36 (g) A plan for the development and implementation of a  
37 statewide scientific information management system in a phased  
38 manner;

39 (h) A timeline for the development and implementation  
40 of a statewide scientific information management system;

41 (i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for  
42 development and implementation of the statewide scientific  
43 information management system and a recommended method for funding  
44 the development and implementation of the system; and

45 (j) Any other information the coordinating council  
46 deems appropriate.

47 (3) In addition, the strategic plan shall recommend  
48 appropriate policies and standards for use in management of  
49 scientific information and for providing access to that  
50 information. The strategic plan shall also address information  
51 accuracy and quality issues, ease of access issues, training and  
52 technical support issues and interagency coordination issues.

53 (4) Upon completion of the strategic plan, the coordinating  
54 council shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant  
55 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
56 Chairmen of the Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and  
57 Water Resources Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee,  
58 the Chairmen of the House Conservation and Water Resources  
59 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the Legislative  
60 Budget Office, the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review  
61 Committee and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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