

By: Representatives Peranich, Ishee, To: Appropriations
 Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Barnett (116th),
 Broomfield, Brown, Coleman (65th),
 Compretta, Creel, Cummings, Davis,
 Dedeaux, Dickson, Eads, Eakes, Ellis,
 Fillingane, Flaggs, Fleming, Ford, Formby, Fredericks, Frierson,
 Gadd, Gibbs, Green, Guice, Hamilton, Harrison, Henderson, Hines,
 Holloway, Huddleston, Hudson, Janus, Jennings, Livingston, Lott,
 Maples, Markham, Masterson, Mayo, McCoy, Middleton, Miles,
 Mitchell, Montgomery (15th), Moore (100th), Moore (60th), Morris,
 Moss, Myers, Nettles, Perkins, Pierce, Read, Reynolds, Robertson,
 Robinson (63rd), Robinson (84th), Rogers, Rotenberry, Rushing,
 Ryals, Scott (17th), Smith (59th), Straughter, Thomas, Wallace,
 Ward, Warren, Watson, Weathersby, Wells-Smith, West, Whittington,
 Woods, Zuber, Holland

HOUSE BILL NO. 850

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
 2 OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL
 3 SOCIAL WORKERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums previously
 6 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be
 7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
 8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human
 9 Services for the purposes specified in Section 2 of this act for
 10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.....\$1,105,000.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** (1) This additional appropriation is made for
 12 the purpose of providing additional funds to the Department of
 13 Human Services to enable the department to hire additional social
 14 workers, in accordance with the provisions of this section. This
 15 act shall apply only to Department of Human Services social worker
 16 occupational classes and their supervisors.

17 (2) The funds appropriated by this act may be expended only
 18 when the average caseload per social worker in a county is fifty
 19 (50) or more. When that caseload situation exists, the Department
 20 of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated by this act (a)
 21 to increase the starting salary of social worker new hires by up
 22 to five percent (5%), and (b) for equity and retention purposes,
 23 to increase the salaries of existing social workers and their
 24 supervisors by up to five percent (5%).



25 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
26 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
27 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
28 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
29 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
30 officers in the manner provided by law.

31 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after its passage.

