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To: Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2327

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF STATE GENERAL  
2 FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
3 MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS TO MAXIMIZE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE HIRING  
4 OF ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums heretofore  
7 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of  
10 the Department of Human Services for the period beginning upon  
11 passage and ending June 30, 2003..... \$250,000.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** This additional appropriation is made for the  
13 purpose of authorizing state funds to match federal funds for the  
14 hiring of additional social workers at the Department of Human  
15 Services. The State General Funds appropriated herein represent  
16 funds transferred into the State General Fund by Attorney General  
17 Mike Moore resulting from a settlement in a multi-state  
18 investigation of Bridgestone/Firestone. Not less than One Hundred  
19 Eighty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$187,500.00) of the  
20 funds appropriated herein shall be allocated to counties in which  
21 social worker case loads are in excess of one hundred (100) cases  
22 per social worker as reported by the most recent survey of the  
23 Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.  
24 The department is authorized to establish new full-time, permanent  
25 DHS-social-worker positions as necessary to carry out this act,  
26 not to exceed the number of authorized positions in FY2001. The  
27 State General Fund cost of these new positions shall not exceed  
28 the amount appropriated in Section 1.



29           **SECTION 3.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
30 the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds  
31 as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal  
32 Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants  
33 upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers  
34 in the manner provided by law.

35           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after its passage and through June 30, 2003.

