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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2327
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF STATE GENERAL
2 FUNDS AND BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
3 SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS TO MAXIMIZE
4 FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL
5 PROTECTIVE SERVICE SOCIAL WORKERS AND TO DIRECT THE STATE
6 TREASURER TO TRANSFER SPECIAL FUNDS TO THE BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUND
7 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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

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

15 The State General Funds appropriated herein represent funds
16 transferred into the State General Fund by Attorney General Mike
17 Moore resulting from a settlement in a multistate investigation of
18 Bridgestone/Firestone.

19 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums previously
20 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be
21 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Budget
22 Contingency Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
23 Human Services for the purposes specified in Section 3 of this act
24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.....\$ 900,000.00.

25 **SECTION 3.** (1) This additional appropriation is made for
26 the purpose of providing additional funds to the Department of
27 Human Services to enable the department to hire additional
28 protective service social workers, in accordance with the
29 provisions of this section. This act shall apply only to



30 Department of Human Services protective service social worker
31 occupational classes and their immediate supervisors.

32 (2) The funds appropriated by this act may be expended only
33 when the average caseload per protective service social worker in
34 a county is fifty (50) or more. When that caseload situation
35 exists, the Department of Human Services shall use the funds
36 appropriated by this act (a) to increase the starting salary of
37 protective service social worker new hires by up to three percent
38 (3%), and (b) for equity and retention purposes, to increase the
39 salaries of existing protective service social workers and their
40 immediate supervisors by up to three percent (3%).

41 (3) The department is authorized to escalate, budget and
42 expend Special Funds received from any source to carry out the
43 provisions of this act and is authorized to establish full-time
44 permanent Department of Human Services protective service Social
45 Worker positions as necessary.

46 **SECTION 4.** The State Treasurer shall transfer to the Budget
47 Contingency Fund created in Section 27-103-301, out of the
48 following enumerated special funds, the amount listed below on or
49 before March 1, 2003.

50	<u>Agency/Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51	Secretary of State Fund No. 3114	\$ 400,000.00
52	Secretary of State Fund No. 3111	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
53	Total	\$ 900,000.00

54 In addition to the amount transferred to the Budget
55 Contingency Fund under the provisions of this act, the Budget
56 Contingency Fund may receive any additional funds that may become
57 available to the fund from any source during Fiscal Year 2003.

58 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
59 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to
60 the credit of the proper fund or funds, not otherwise
61 appropriated, as set forth in this act upon warrants issued by the
62 State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his



63 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
64 officers in the manner provided by law.

65 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
66 and after its passage and through June 30, 2004.

