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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 842

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO  
 2 PARTNER WITH THE MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE OF NONPROFITS AND  
 3 PHILANTHROPY TO CREATE A PROTOTYPE SYSTEM THAT WILL IDENTIFY,  
 4 DOCUMENT, NETWORK, ASSESS NEEDS AND CREATE A PLAN FOR INCREASING  
 5 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, OPERATIONAL CAPACITY AND INFORMATION  
 6 SHARING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI THAT ARE  
 7 AWARDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS THAT USE FEDERAL OR STATE RESOURCES  
 8 THAT ARE RELATED TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES;  
 9 TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE AND THE ALLIANCE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF  
 10 UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM THAT DETAILS THE SCOPE OF WORK,  
 11 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND THE TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING THE PROTOTYPE  
 12 SYSTEM; TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS AND DEPARTMENTS THAT  
 13 SUB-GRANT OR CONTRACT WITH NONPROFITS FOR WORKFORCE OR EMPLOYMENT  
 14 SERVICES, AND ANY NONPROFIT THAT RECEIVES SUCH SUB-GRANT OR  
 15 CONTRACT, TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE REQUESTED FROM  
 16 THE OFFICE OR THE ALLIANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** (1) Subject to appropriation, the Office of  
 19 Workforce Development, hereinafter the "office", shall partner  
 20 with the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy,  
 21 hereinafter the "alliance", to create a prototype system that will  
 22 identify, document, network, assess needs and create a plan for  
 23 increasing accountability, transparency, operational capacity and  
 24 information sharing for nonprofit organizations in Mississippi  
 25 that are awarded grants and contracts that use federal or state



26 resources that are related to workforce development and employment  
27 services.

28 (2) (a) The office, in consultation with the alliance,  
29 shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the creation of the  
30 system.

31 (b) The office and the alliance shall execute a  
32 memorandum of understanding between them that details the scope of  
33 work, anticipated outcomes and the timeline for developing the  
34 prototype system.

35 (c) All agencies, institutions and departments that  
36 sub-grant or contract with nonprofits for workforce or employment  
37 services, and any nonprofit that receives such sub-grant or  
38 contract, shall provide any information that may be requested from  
39 the office or the alliance.

40 (3) The alliance shall provide a detailed report on the  
41 progress and results of the prototype system to the office on a  
42 quarterly basis. The office shall submit the report to the  
43 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of  
44 Representatives, Chair of the House Workforce Development  
45 Committee and Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce  
46 Development Committee.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
48 and after July 1, 2023.

