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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1622

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
6 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human
7 Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
8 June 30, 2024.....\$ 74,476,245.00.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in
11 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human
12 Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by
13 or otherwise available to the department for the support of the
14 various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying
15 the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....
17\$ 1,736,609,583.00.



18 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall
19 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or
20 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the
21 Department of Human Services that are authorized by the
22 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules
23 or regulations that implement state or federal law.

24 **SECTION 4.** With the funds appropriated in this act, the
25 following positions are authorized:

26 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

27 Permanent:	Full Time.....	1,296
28 Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	474

29 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
30 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
31 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds
32 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
33 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi
34 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
35 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the
36 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board
37 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs
38 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the
39 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for
40 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the
41 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024
42 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions



43 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
44 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

45 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
46 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
47 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
48 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
49 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
50 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
51 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
52 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
53 appropriated level.

54 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
55 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
56 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
57 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

58 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
59 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating
60 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
61 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

62 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
63 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
64 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
65 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
66 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
67 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.



68 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
69 Department of Human Services shall maintain complete accounting
70 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
71 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
72 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
73 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
74 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to
75 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
76 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
77 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

78 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to
79 the Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars
80 (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health,
81 Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund
82 or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be
83 transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2023.
84 The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the
85 Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in
86 accordance with federal and state regulations.

87 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
88 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
89 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
90 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
91 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
92 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



93 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
94 made without competitive bids.

95 **SECTION 8.** The Department of Human Services is authorized to
96 expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or
97 replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or
98 when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements
99 exceed expenditures thereof.

100 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
101 of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain
102 utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such
103 utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane,
104 cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined,
105 the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance
106 with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall
107 include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not
108 include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities
109 shall be prohibited.

110 **SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
111 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
112 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
113 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
114 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
115 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
116 performance measures provided below:

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118	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
119	Support Services	
120	Percent of Referred/Directed	
121	Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
122	Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
123	Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
124	Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
125	Percent of Referred Administrative	
126	Disqualification Hearings and Fair	
127	Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
128	Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted	
129	within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
130	Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
131	Aging & Adult Services	
132	In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	32,680
133	Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons	
134	Served)	193,617
135	Number of Congregate Meals	468,272
136	Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,700,000
137	Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
138	Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17
139	Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
140	of Persons on Waiting list	1.00
141	Child Support Enforcement	
142	Number of Paternities Established	15,500



143	Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
144	Number of Obligations Established	16,000
145	Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
146	Total Collections	378,000,000.00
147	Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
148	Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
149	Percent of Child Support Cases Current	
150	on Payments	-2.53
151	Community Services	
152	Number of Elderly Served by CSBG and LIHEAP	20,352
153	Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
154	Number of Households Achieving	
155	Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0
156	Percent Increase in Rate of Households	
157	Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
158	Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
159	Percent Increase in the Number of	
160	Households Stabilized	0.00
161	Number of Households Weatherized	516
162	Early Childhood Care & Dev	
163	Number of Children Served	30,138
164	Assistance Payments	
165	Dollar Amount of Assistance	6,240,877.00
166	Food Assistance	
167	Number of Average Monthly Households	225,000



168	Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program	
169	- SNAP	716,413,100.00
170	Percent of Mississippi Households	
171	Receiving SNAP Benefits	22.51
172	Tanf Work Program	
173	Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	4,600
174	Number of Average Monthly Persons Served	
175	in TANF Work Program	1,107
176	TANF Work Program Participation Rate	60.00
177	Number of Persons Employed Through the	
178	TANF Work Program for the Year	832
179	Number of Households Receiving TANF	
180	Benefits During the Year	9,969
181	Percent of Households Receiving TANF	
182	During the Year	49.00
183	Percent of TANF Participants in Job Trng	
184	Who Enter Employment	30.00
185	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	
186	Training Who Enter Employment at A	
187	Salary Sufficient to Be Ineligible for	
188	TANF	19.00
189	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	
190	Training Who Remain Employed for One	
191	Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
192	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	



193	Training Who Remain Employed for Five	
194	Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
195	Social Services Block Grant	
196	Number of Clients Served - Division of	
197	Family and Children's Services	75,611
198	Number of Clients Served - Aging and	
199	Adult Services	21,178
200	Number of Clients Served - Youth Services	12,880
201	Youth Services	
202	Number of Children Served - Community	
203	Services	15,000
204	Number of Children Served -	
205	Institutional Component	300.00
206	Number of Volunteers - Community	
207	Services/Institution	0
208	Number of Children Placed in Alternative	
209	Placement	0
210	Percent of Children Diverted from	
211	Institutional Care	95.00
212	Recidivism Rate	20.00
213	A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
214	set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	
215	agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget	
216	Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.	



217 **SECTION 11.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
218 Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support
219 Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of
220 past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2024,
221 the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall
222 submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing
223 year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement
224 Program compared with the prior year.

225 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
226 Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend
227 such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal
228 government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives
229 for the purpose of child support enforcement.

230 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
231 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred
232 to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of
233 Public Safety no later than July 31, 2023.

234 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated herein, to the
235 Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00),
236 is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program
237 and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

238 **SECTION 15.** Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to
239 the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One
240 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the
241 Senior Olympics Program.



242 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
243 Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of
244 Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB
245 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human
246 Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

247 **SECTION 17.** As a condition of receiving and expending any
248 funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human
249 Services:

250 (a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for
251 entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities
252 when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must
253 be subgranted;

254 (b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the
255 department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly
256 report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all
257 of the following:

258 (i) A listing of all costs incurred by the
259 subgrantee during the previous month;

260 (ii) A listing of all clients served by the
261 subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to
262 the clients;

263 (iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who
264 must be approved by the department before the execution of any
265 such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and



266 (iv) Any other data required by the department to
267 provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;

268 (c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more
269 than sixty (60) days; and

270 (d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only
271 after the required documentation is provided and is approved by
272 the department.

273 **SECTION 18.** It is the intent of the Legislature, that within
274 the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide
275 any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding
276 in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand
277 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that
278 serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food
279 Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

280 **SECTION 19.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
281 Department of Human Services is authorized to make payment to
282 certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2021 as follows:

283	DNA Diagnostics Center	\$ 34,474.42
284	Pearson VUE	\$ 551.25
285	Shred IT	\$ 961.56
286	Southwestern Communication	\$ 3,030.76

287 **SECTION 20.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
288 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
289 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
290 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



291 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
292 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

293 **SECTION 21.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
294 and after July 1, 2023, except for Section 19 which shall take
295 effect and be in force from and after the passage of this act and
296 through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and shall stand
297 repealed June 30, 2023.

