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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1622  
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 75,784,205.00.

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.....\$ 1,739,012,851.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall  
18 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or



19 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the  
20 Department of Human Services that are authorized by the  
21 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules  
22 or regulations that implement state or federal law.

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

25 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

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

28 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
29 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
30 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
31 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
32 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
33 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
34 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board  
35 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may  
36 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year  
37 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023  
38 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that  
39 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount  
40 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments  
41 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current  
42 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee



43 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the  
44 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

45         Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
46 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
47 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
48 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do  
49 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
50 the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the  
51 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
52 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
53 essential for the agency.

54         Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
55 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
56 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
57 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
58 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
59 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
60 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
61 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
62 appropriated level.

63         No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
64 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
65 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
66 withdrawn and no longer available.



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

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

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

90 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
91 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



92 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
93 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
94 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
95 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
96 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
97 made without competitive bids.

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

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

113         **SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
114 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
115 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
116 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the



117 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 118 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 119 performance measures provided below:

	FY2024
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
122 Support Services	
123     Percent of Referred/Directed	
124         Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
125     Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
126     Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
127         Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
128     Percent of Referred Administrative	
129         Disqualification Hearings and Fair	
130         Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
131     Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted	
132         within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
133     Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
134 Aging & Adult Services	
135     In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	32,680
136     Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons	
137         Served)	193,617
138     Number of Congregate Meals	468,272
139     Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,700,000
140     Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
141         Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17



142	Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
143	of Persons on Waiting list	1.00
144	Child Support Enforcement	
145	Number of Paternities Established	15,500
146	Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
147	Number of Obligations Established	16,000
148	Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
149	Total Collections	378,000,000.00
150	Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
151	Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
152	Percent of Child Support Cases Current	
153	on Payments	-2.53
154	Community Services	
155	Number of Elderly Served by CSBG and LIHEAP	20,352
156	Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
157	Number of Households Achieving	
158	Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0
159	Percent Increase in Rate of Households	
160	Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
161	Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
162	Percent Increase in the Number of	
163	Households Stabilized	0.00
164	Number of Households Weatherized	516
165	Early Childhood Care & Dev	
166	Number of Children Served	30,138



167	Assistance Payments	
168	Dollar Amount of Assistance	6,240,877.00
169	Food Assistance	
170	Number of Average Monthly Households	225,000
171	Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program	
172	- SNAP	716,413,100.00
173	Percent of Mississippi Households	
174	Receiving SNAP Benefits	22.51
175	Tanf Work Program	
176	Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	4,600
177	Number of Average Monthly Persons Served	
178	in TANF Work Program	1,107
179	TANF Work Program Participation Rate	60.00
180	Number of Persons Employed Through the	
181	TANF Work Program for the Year	832
182	Number of Households Receiving TANF	
183	Benefits During the Year	9,969
184	Percent of Households Receiving TANF	
185	During the Year	49.00
186	Percent of TANF Participants in Job Trng	
187	Who Enter Employment	30.00
188	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	
189	Training Who Enter Employment at A	
190	Salary Sufficient to Be Ineligible for	
191	TANF	19.00





192	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	
193	Training Who Remain Employed for One	
194	Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
195	Percent of TANF Participants in Job	
196	Training Who Remain Employed for Five	
197	Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
198	Social Services Block Grant	
199	Number of Clients Served - Division of	
200	Family and Children's Services	75,611
201	Number of Clients Served - Aging and	
202	Adult Services	21,178
203	Number of Clients Served - Youth Services	12,880
204	Youth Services	
205	Number of Children Served - Community	
206	Services	15,000
207	Number of Children Served -	
208	Institutional Component	300.00
209	Number of Volunteers - Community	
210	Services/Institution	0
211	Number of Children Placed in Alternative	
212	Placement	0
213	Percent of Children Diverted from	
214	Institutional Care	95.00
215	Recidivism Rate	20.00



216 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
217 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
218 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
219 Committee for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

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

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

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



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

245           **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
246 Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of  
247 Human Services shall continue to work together to implement  
248 Section 43-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, known as the "Medicaid  
249 and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

250           **SECTION 17.** As a condition of receiving and expending any  
251 funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human  
252 Services:

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

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

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

263                   (ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee,  
264 with an explanation of which services were provided to the  
265 clients;



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

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

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

273 (d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the  
274 required documentation is provided and is approved by the  
275 department.

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

283 **SECTION 19.** With the funds appropriated herein, the  
284 Department of Human Services is authorized to make payment to  
285 certain vendors for expenses incurred during FY2019 and FY2021 as  
286 follows:

287	DNA Diagnostics Center.....	\$ 34,474.42
288	Pearson VUE.....	\$ 551.25
289	Shred IT.....	\$ 961.56
290	Southwestern Communication.....	\$ 3,030.76



291 Warner, Inc. d/b/a/ ServiceMaster.....\$ 11,448.00  
292 Hinds County Chancery Clerk.....\$ 18,192.00

293 **SECTION 20.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
294 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
295 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of  
296 Human Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of  
297 Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1611, 2022 Regular  
298 Session to defray expenses of the Department of Human Services for  
299 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
300 June 30, 2024.....\$ 58,885,920.00.

301 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing  
302 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

303 (a) To defray the Department's computer  
304 expenses.....\$ 4,885,920.00.

305 (b) To secure federal funding for a new  
306 computer system.....\$ 54,000,000.00.

307 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
308 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
309 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
310 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
311 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
312 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

313 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
314 Section 2, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00), or  
315 so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any



316 money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense  
317 Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
318 and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer.  
319 These funds are provided for the Department of Human Services for  
320 IT infrastructure and other equipment.

321       **SECTION 22.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
322 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
323 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
324 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
325 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
326 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

327       **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
328 and after July 1, 2023, except for Section 19 which shall take  
329 effect and be in force from and after the passage of this act and  
330 through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

