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To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2794

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO TRANSFER AT LEAST
3 THIRTY PERCENT OF THE BLOCK GRANT FOR THE STATE AND AVAILABLE
4 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)
5 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR
6 EACH FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-27-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 43-27-33. (1) Nothing in this chapter is intended to limit
11 or restrict the operation and effect of Title IV, federal Social
12 Security Act (Subchapter IV, Sections 601-604, Chapter 7, Title
13 42, U.S. Code Annotated) and Sections 43-15-1 through 43-15-9,
14 inclusive, 43-17-1 through 43-17-25, inclusive, 43-25-1 through
15 43-25-17, inclusive, and 93-11-1 through 93-11-63, inclusive,
16 Mississippi Code of 1972, which authorize the Department of Human
17 Services to expend appropriated state and available federal funds
18 for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) child welfare
19 services, and administer the interstate compact on juveniles under
20 approved state-federal plans now in effect; this chapter being



21 cumulative and supplementary. Nothing in this chapter is intended
22 to limit or restrain the operation and effect of the Youth Court
23 Law of 1946, as amended (Chapter 21 of this Title), or the Family
24 Court Law of 1964, as amended (Chapter 23 of this Title), or the
25 power granted to the youth courts or family courts therein
26 outlined. The intent of this section is to insure that the final
27 responsibility for a delinquent youth resides with the court that
28 has jurisdiction and that the final responsibility for any and all
29 services provided by any and all personnel assigned to a youth or
30 family court resides with the responsible judge.

31 (2) The Department of Human Services shall transfer at least
32 thirty percent (30%) of the block grant for the state and
33 available federal funds for Temporary Assistance for Needy
34 Families (TANF) child welfare services to the Child Care and
35 Development Fund for each fiscal year.

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

