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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

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, 2024.

