

By: Senator(s) Blount

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

## SENATE BILL NO. 2679

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-12-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH OR USE  
3 A COMBINATION OF REPORTING SYSTEMS UNDER 7 CFR SECTION  
4 273.12(A)(5); TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH COMBINATION SHALL BE SET BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE, BY SEPTEMBER 1  
6 OF EACH YEAR, A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE RATIONALE, APPLICATION AND  
7 EFFECTIVENESS OF A COMBINED REPORTING SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE EFFECT  
8 ON SNAP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND THE EFFECT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 HUMAN SERVICES' "ERROR RATE" AS CALCULATED BY THE FOOD AND  
10 NUTRITION SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;  
11 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13       **SECTION 1.** Section 43-12-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
14 amended as follows:

15       43-12-33. The Department of Human Services \* \* \* may  
16 establish or use a \* \* \* combination of reporting systems under 7  
17 CFR Section 273.12(a)(5). The combination, including the extent  
18 to which each reporting system is established and used, shall be  
19 set by the Department of Human Services. The department shall  
20 provide a written report by September 1 of each year to the  
21 Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the  
22 House Public Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate



23 Public Health and Welfare Committee, and the House and Senate  
24 Medicaid Committees, on the \* \* \* rationale, application and  
25 effectiveness of using a combined reporting system, including the  
26 effect, if any, on enrollment in the SNAP program and the effect  
27 on the Department of Human Services' "error rate" as calculated by  
28 the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of  
29 Agriculture. The report also shall be provided to the other  
30 members of the Legislature upon request.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after July 1, 2025.

