

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.

