

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th), Blount

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2720

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 30% OF THE BLOCK GRANT FOR THE STATE AND AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS
4 FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) CHILD WELFARE
5 SERVICES TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) FOR EACH
6 FISCAL YEAR TO BE USED AS VOUCHERS TO PAY FOR CHILD CARE FOR
7 QUALIFYING CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILD CARE PAYMENT PROGRAM (CCPP);
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

33 (2) During each fiscal year, the department shall transfer
34 to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) at least thirty
35 percent (30%) of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
36 (TANF) block grant received by the state for that fiscal year or
37 the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is more, to be used
38 as vouchers to pay for child care for qualifying children under
39 the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP).

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

