

By: Moody

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 968

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS
3 TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS, AND
4 TO DELETE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH
5 TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 43-27-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[RDD1]

9 43-27-107. The Department of Human Services is authorized to
10 set the qualifications necessary for all social workers employed
11 by the department, which shall at a minimum require state
12 licensure as a social worker, and shall not be required to go
13 through the State Personnel Board or use the qualifications set by
14 the personnel board in employing social workers for the
15 department. All social workers employed by the department shall
16 be state service employees from the date of their employment with
17 the department; * * * however, to carry out its responsibilities,
18 the department may use any available federal funds to employ such
19 additional social workers as it can employ in time-limited
20 positions. All social worker positions existing before July 1,
21 1998, will remain state service.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2000.