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SENATE BILL NO. 2924
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION OF THE
3 STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[CRG1]

8 49-37-9. (1) Before October 1, 2001, the Mississippi
9 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council
10 shall develop and prepare a strategic plan for the development and
11 implementation of a statewide scientific information management
12 system.

13 (2) The strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to,
14 the following:

15 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts
16 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected
17 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage
18 that scientific information;

19 (b) An identification of the current costs of
20 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination
21 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on
22 costs to state agencies;

23 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and
24 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad
25 access to that information;

26 (d) An identification of planned scientific information
27 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those

planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the statewide scientific information management system;

(e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific information management system;

(f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and capabilities of a statewide scientific information management system;

(g) A plan for the development and implementation of a statewide scientific information management system in a phased manner;

(h) A timeline for the development and implementation of a statewide scientific information management system;

(i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for development and implementation of the statewide scientific information management system and a recommended method for funding the development and implementation of the system; and

(j) Any other information the coordinating council deems appropriate.

(3) In addition, the strategic plan shall recommend appropriate policies and standards for use in management of scientific information and for providing access to that information. The strategic plan shall also address information accuracy and quality issues, ease of access issues, training and technical support issues and interagency coordination issues.

(4) Upon completion of the strategic plan, the coordinating council shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairmen of the House Conservation and Water Resources Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Budget Office, the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.