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To: Public Health and
Welfare;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2990

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
2 TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES USING FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
3 THE AGENCY FOR THAT PURPOSE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SPECIFIC SERVICE
4 COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
5 SERVICES TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC
6 AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services is authorized
10 and directed to develop a plan for investing in programs and
11 services to strengthen families using funds available to the
12 agency for these purposes. Specifically included in the plan will
13 be strategies for expanding the agency's Families First family
14 resource program to all counties, expanding the range of services
15 provided through Families First by either establishing new service
16 components or developing linkages with (a) local school district
17 parental assistance centers, (b) Head Start programs, (c)
18 community-based child care providers, (d) the Cooperative
19 Extension Service and/or (e) privately operated state or local
20 programs that provide related services to the targeted population.

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