

By: Senator(s) Gordon (By Request)

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2667

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
3 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STATE AGENCIES IN COLLECTING PAST DUE BILLS
4 OR FEES OWED BY ANOTHER STATE AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-104-3. In addition to other powers and duties prescribed
9 by statute, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
10 have the following powers and duties, with regard to fiscal
11 management:

12 (a) Provide direct technical assistance and training to
13 state agencies and departments in implementing generally accepted
14 accounting principles, in preparing financial statements as
15 required by law, and in management and executive development;

16 (b) Provide temporary administrative services in
17 financial accounting and public administration to any state
18 agency, department or institution upon request of the governing
19 board of the state agency, department or institution;

20 (c) Prepare and issue a comprehensive reference manual
21 or manuals of policies and procedures for each state agency and
22 department to use, which may include chapters on purchasing,
23 personnel, payroll, travel, chart of accounts, fund
24 classifications, receipts, warrants, expenditures, fixed assets,
25 property inventory, and maintaining financial records and
26 preparing financial reports as required and prescribed by law. The
27 manual shall be revised on a continuing basis. The manual shall

28 be prepared and revised in consultation with the State Auditor's
29 office;

30 (d) Provide assistance to state agencies in collecting
31 any invoiced amount or fee another agency has refused or failed to
32 pay. A state agency may request assistance and furnish the
33 Department of Finance and Administration with such complete and
34 detailed information as required. Upon determining the invoiced
35 amount or fee is proper and correct, the State Fiscal Officer
36 shall proceed to make the payment out of any funds in the State
37 Treasury to the credit of the delinquent agency. The State Fiscal
38 Officer shall notify each agency that is subject to the provisions
39 of this section of the total amount of funds transferred. In
40 accordance with rules established by the State Fiscal Officer in
41 consultation with the State Auditor's office, the agency may
42 appeal this action.

43 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after July 1, 2005.