

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1689: Appropriation; Department of Human Services-Consolidated.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of  
7 Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and  
8 ending June 30, 2008..... \$     95,994,907.00.

9           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
10 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
11 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of  
12 Human Services which is comprised of special source funds  
13 collected by or otherwise available to the department for the  
14 support of the various divisions of the department, for the  
15 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal  
16 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....  
17 ..... \$     665,320,211.00.

18           **SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall  
19 be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or  
20 necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the  
21 Department of Human Services that are authorized by the  
22 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules  
23 or regulations that implement state or federal law.

24           **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
 25 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall  
 26 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
 27 expenditure:

28                                   **DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES**

29           MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

30           Personal Services:

31	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	21,766,662.00
32	Travel and Subsistence.....	187,048.00
33	Contractual Services.....	3,860,700.00
34	Commodities.....	1,917,140.00
35	Capital Outlay:	
36	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
37	Equipment.....	142,000.00
38	Vehicles.....	0.00
39	Wireless Communication Devices.....	0.00
40	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>5,964,794.00</u>
41	Total..... \$	33,838,344.00

42           FUNDING:

43	General Funds..... \$	20,873,098.00
44	Special Funds.....	<u>12,965,246.00</u>
45	Total..... \$	33,838,344.00

46           AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

47	Permanent:       Full Time.....	429
48	Part Time.....	4
49	Time-Limited:   Full Time.....	81
50	Part Time.....	0

51           Any person within the Office of Youth Services classified as  
 52 Youth Services Counselor Aide I, Youth Services Counselor Aide II,  
 53 Youth Services Counselor Aide III, Security Officer I, Security  
 54 Officer II, Security Officer III, Recreation Supervisor, General  
 55 Services Employee I, General Services Employee II, Youth Services

56 Counselor I, Youth Services Counselor II, and Youth Services  
 57 Counselor III, who must work on a statutory holiday or any holiday  
 58 proclaimed by the Governor, may at the discretion of the  
 59 superintendents of the institutions and the Executive Director of  
 60 the Office of Youth Services and within available personnel funds,  
 61 be paid "call back pay" in lieu of "compensatory time credit."

62 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of  
 63 Youth Services shall have the authority to accept from any source  
 64 including, but not limited to, proceeds from sale of vehicles,  
 65 equipment or any other property which becomes obsolete or is no  
 66 longer needed. It is the intent that such funds will be approved  
 67 for allocation and expenditure in a manner consistent with the  
 68 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
 69 Administration.

70 **DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

71 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

72 Personal Services:

73	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	29,232,512.00
74	Travel and Subsistence.....	2,485,245.00
75	Contractual Services.....	11,961,707.00
76	Commodities.....	654,062.00
77	Capital Outlay:	
78	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
79	Equipment.....	102,170.00
80	Vehicles.....	0.00
81	Wireless Communication Devices.....	0.00
82	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>27,432,375.00</u>
83	Total..... \$	71,868,071.00

84 FUNDING:

85	General Funds..... \$	18,543,449.00
86	Special Funds.....	<u>53,324,622.00</u>
87	Total..... \$	71,868,071.00

88 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

89	Permanent:	Full Time.....	532
90		Part Time.....	0
91	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	190
92		Part Time.....	0

93 **DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

94 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

95 Personal Services:

96	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	1,288,830.00
97	Travel and Subsistence.....		45,611.00
98	Contractual Services.....		250,896.00
99	Commodities.....		38,200.00

100 Capital Outlay:

101	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
102	Equipment.....		4,340.00
103	Vehicles.....		0.00
104	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
105	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>18,501,870.00</u>
106	Total.....	\$	20,129,747.00

107 FUNDING:

108	General Funds.....	\$	1,305,712.00
109	Special Funds.....		<u>18,824,035.00</u>
110	Total.....	\$	20,129,747.00

111 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

112	Permanent:	Full Time.....	28
113		Part Time.....	0
114	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	8
115		Part Time.....	0

116 **DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE/TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE**

117 **FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

118 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

119 Personal Services:

120	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	43,590,037.00
121	Travel and Subsistence.....		447,711.00
122	Contractual Services.....		20,008,243.00
123	Commodities.....		659,374.00
124	Capital Outlay:		
125	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
126	Equipment.....		386,516.00
127	Vehicles.....		0.00
128	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
129	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>409,097,994.00</u>
130	Total.....	\$	474,189,875.00
131	FUNDING:		
132	General Funds.....	\$	39,996,269.00
133	Special Funds.....		<u>434,193,606.00</u>
134	Total.....	\$	474,189,875.00
135	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
136	Permanent: Full Time.....		998
137	Part Time.....		0
138	Time-Limited: Full Time.....		149
139	Part Time.....		0
140	<b>DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT</b>		
141	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:		
142	Personal Services:		
143	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	19,777,282.00
144	Travel and Subsistence.....		375,000.00
145	Contractual Services.....		6,598,707.00
146	Commodities.....		269,450.00
147	Capital Outlay:		
148	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
149	Equipment.....		88,700.00
150	Vehicles.....		0.00
151	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00

152	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>9,481,199.00</u>
153	Total.....	\$	36,590,338.00

154 FUNDING:

155	General Funds.....	\$	5,709,046.00
156	Special Funds.....		<u>30,881,292.00</u>
157	Total.....	\$	36,590,338.00

158 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

159	Permanent: Full Time.....	277
160	Part Time.....	0
161	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	213
162	Part Time.....	0

163 **DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

164 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

165 Personal Services:

166	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	614,936.00
167	Travel and Subsistence.....		29,303.00
168	Contractual Services.....		294,123.00
169	Commodities.....		77,425.00

170 Capital Outlay:

171	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
172	Equipment.....		8,000.00
173	Vehicles.....		0.00
174	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
175	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>27,195,000.00</u>
176	Total.....	\$	28,218,787.00

177 FUNDING:

178	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
179	Special Funds.....		<u>28,218,787.00</u>
180	Total.....	\$	28,218,787.00

181 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

182	Permanent: Full Time.....	8
183	Part Time.....	0

184 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 4  
 185 Part Time..... 0

**DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

187 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

188 Personal Services:

189 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 9,799,295.00  
 190 Travel and Subsistence..... 93,050.00  
 191 Contractual Services..... 2,196,068.00  
 192 Commodities..... 97,307.00  
 193 Capital Outlay:  
 194 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00  
 195 Equipment..... 91,136.00  
 196 Vehicles..... 0.00  
 197 Wireless Communication Devices..... 0.00  
 198 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 64,400.00  
 199 Total..... \$ 12,341,256.00

200 FUNDING:

201 General Funds..... \$ 3,726,835.00  
 202 Special Funds..... 8,614,421.00  
 203 Total..... \$ 12,341,256.00

204 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

205 Permanent: Full Time..... 174  
 206 Part Time..... 0  
 207 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 19  
 208 Part Time..... 0

**SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

210 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

211 Personal Services:

212 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 172,618.00  
 213 Travel and Subsistence..... 4,000.00  
 214 Contractual Services..... 79,793.00  
 215 Commodities..... 2,800.00

216	Capital Outlay:		
217	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
218	Equipment.....		3,690.00
219	Vehicles.....		0.00
220	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
221	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>5,500,000.00</u>
222	Total.....	\$	5,762,901.00
223	FUNDING:		
224	General Funds.....	\$	0.00
225	Special Funds.....		<u>5,762,901.00</u>
226	Total.....	\$	5,762,901.00
227	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
228	Permanent: Full Time.....	1	
229	Part Time.....	0	
230	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	2	
231	Part Time.....	0	
232	<b>OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH</b>		
233	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:		
234	Personal Services:		
235	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	797,396.00
236	Travel and Subsistence.....		12,421.00
237	Contractual Services.....		350,171.00
238	Commodities.....		33,500.00
239	Capital Outlay:		
240	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
241	Equipment.....		29,450.00
242	Vehicles.....		0.00
243	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
244	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>77,152,861.00</u>
245	Total.....	\$	78,375,799.00
246	FUNDING:		
247	General Funds.....	\$	5,840,498.00



248 Special Funds..... 72,535,301.00  
 249 Total..... \$ 78,375,799.00

250 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

251 Permanent: Full Time..... 9  
 252 Part Time..... 0  
 253 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 6  
 254 Part Time..... 0

255 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
 256 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
 257 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
 258 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever  
 259 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

260 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
 261 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
 262 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
 263 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008  
 264 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
 265 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
 266 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
 267 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
 268 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
 269 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
 270 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
 271 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
 272 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal  
 273 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds  
 274 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any  
 275 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board  
 276 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause  
 277 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year  
 278 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then  
 279 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or

280 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State  
281 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
282 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board  
283 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
284 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
285 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

286 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
287 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
288 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
289 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
290 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
291 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
292 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
293 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
294 appropriated level.

295 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
296 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
297 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
298 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

299 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
300 Department of Human Services shall maintain complete accounting  
301 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
302 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
303 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
304 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
305 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to  
306 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
307 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
308 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

309 **SECTION 6.** None of the funds appropriated under the  
310 provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall be used to pay any contractor

311 that is not a successful bidder for genetic paternity testing  
312 services bid by the Department of Human Services.

313         **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
314 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
315 Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child  
316 Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These  
317 funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than  
318 July 31, 2007. The Department of Health shall make a complete  
319 accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses  
320 of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

321         **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
322 Department of Human Services contract with the Department of  
323 Health to operate the School Nurse Teen Pregnancy Prevention Pilot  
324 Program as described in House Bill No. 766 of the 1997 Legislative  
325 Session, in compliance with all applicable TANF federal and state  
326 regulations.

327         **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five  
328 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00) of TANF  
329 (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) federal funds shall be  
330 transferred to the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose  
331 of subgranting with entities which will develop and implement  
332 programs that serve unmet needs of "at risk" youth in the state,  
333 including, but not being limited to, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big  
334 Brothers Big Sisters of America, Communities in Schools, and the  
335 State Coalition of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Of  
336 the funds authorized in this section, not more than Two Million  
337 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be allocated  
338 among Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America,  
339 and Communities in Schools; not more than Three Million Dollars  
340 (\$3,000,000.00) shall be allocated to the State Coalition of Young  
341 Men's Christian Association (YMCA); not more than Three Hundred  
342 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated to Learning

343 Through Sports; not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
344 (\$200,000.00) shall be allocated to the Institute of America's  
345 Health; and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
346 (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated to the Cal Ripkin, Sr.  
347 Foundation. The Attorney General shall administer the transferred  
348 TANF funds.

349 **SECTION 10.** None of the above funds shall be used to hire  
350 employees under Personal Service Contracts except for Personal  
351 Service Contracts for the Office for Children and Youth - Child  
352 Care and Office for Children and Youth - Child Care Managers.

353 **SECTION 11.** The Department shall shift expenditures from the  
354 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) portion of the  
355 Child Care Development Block Grant Funds (CCDF) to the CCDF  
356 matching grant portion for the continued funding of the Families  
357 First Resource Centers through the current federal fiscal year  
358 (September 30, 2007).

359 The department shall utilize TANF funds from the federal  
360 Fiscal Year 2008 allotment for the continued funding of the  
361 Families First Resource Centers through June 30, 2008.

362 **SECTION 12.** The department is authorized to escalate, budget  
363 and expend special and/or federal funds received from any source  
364 to carry out the duties of the department in an amount not to  
365 exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00). Such funds are to  
366 be escalated in accordance with procedures for federal fund  
367 escalations as established in Section 27-104-21, Mississippi Code  
368 of 1972, and expended for the purposes of performing such duties  
369 as set forth by law in accordance with applicable rules and  
370 regulations of the State Fiscal Officer.

371 **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
372 Executive Director of the Department of Human Services may  
373 authorize increases in major objects of expenditure in total  
374 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the

375 appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided  
376 that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a  
377 corresponding dollar amount. However, no transfers shall be  
378 authorized which increase the major object of expenditure  
379 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

380         **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
381 Executive Director of the Department of Human Services may  
382 transfer between the various offices authorized herein General  
383 Funds, Special Funds and spending authority not to exceed  
384 twenty-five percent (25%) of the receiving office in addition to  
385 any other transfers or escalations made in accordance with Section  
386 27-104-17(3), Mississippi Code of 1972. However, the budget  
387 category of "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits" shall not be  
388 changed.

389         The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services  
390 shall submit written justification for the transfer to the  
391 Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and  
392 Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to  
393 the effective date of the transfer. It is further the intention  
394 of the Legislature that any transfers made under the provisions of  
395 this paragraph shall be of an emergency nature and that in no case  
396 shall the transfers be made which substantially alter the  
397 legislative intent for the various offices as set forth in the  
398 original appropriations made under this act.

399         **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
400 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
401 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
402 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
403 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
404 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
405 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
406 made without competitive bids.

407           **SECTION 16.** The Department of Human Services is hereby  
408 authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment  
409 upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through  
410 efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or  
411 replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

412           **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two  
413 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred  
414 to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of  
415 Public Safety no later than July 31, 2007.

416           **SECTION 18.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
417 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
418 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
419 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
420 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
421 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

422           **SECTION 19.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
423 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
2 SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Warren

X (SIGNED)  
Burton

X (SIGNED)  
Gibbs

(NOT SIGNED)  
Chassaniol