

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1142

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-12-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO USE A COMBINATION
3 OF REPORTING SYSTEMS RELATING TO REPORTING OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME TO
4 LOWER THE DEPARTMENT'S ERROR RATE AND AVOID FEDERAL FINES; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-12-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-12-33. The Department of Human Services * * * may
10 establish or use a * * * combination of reporting systems under 7
11 CFR Section 273.12(a) * * *. The combination, including the
12 extent to which each reporting system is established and used,
13 shall be set by the Department of Human Services. The department
14 shall provide a written report no later than September 1 of each
15 year to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations
16 Committees, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee
17 and * * * Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, and the
18 House and Senate Medicaid Committees, on the * * * rationale,
19 application and effectiveness of using a combined reporting



20 system, including the effect, if any, on enrollment in the SNAP
21 program and the effect on the Department of Human Services' error
22 rate, as calculated by the Food and Nutrition Service of the
23 United States Department of Agriculture. The report also shall be
24 provided to the other members of the Legislature upon request.

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

