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Governor Musgrove Signs Funding Bill for Social Workers

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today signed Senate Bill 2327, providing additional funding to the Department of Human Services for the hiring of social workers. The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$1.15 million and limits spending to areas of greatest need.

“Our social workers are dedicated employees, and they work hard every day to protect Mississippi’s children,” Musgrove said. “Under the best of conditions, their job is extremely difficult.”

Musgrove said an additional challenge lies in recruiting dedicated people to a demanding job. That challenge can be overcome, he said, by providing stable funding, greater flexibility for the agency to hire and place workers where demand is greatest, and competitive pay.

“We should pay our social workers more,” said Musgrove. “They are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They deserve our full support, and the children they protect deserve our full support.”

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