

April 17, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bills:

**S.B. NO. 2435:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RECONSTITUTE THE CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY, FOR PURPOSES OF CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSURE, REQUIREMENTS FOR FELONY CONVICTION RECORDS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN CRIMES OR FINDINGS AS DISQUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES FROM CHILD CARE FACILITY EMPLOYMENT OR LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE A FEE TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES FOR SUCH CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SUBSTITUTE THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL IN PLACE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCTING FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSURE FEES BEING CHARGED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AND BACKGROUND CHECK PROCEDURES RELATING TO CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSEES AND TO REMOVE AGENCY APPELLATE ACTIONS FROM BEING SUPERSEDED; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW AGGREGATE CHILD CARE FACILITY INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL IDENTITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 45-31-1 THROUGH 45-31-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ARE THE SEX OFFENSE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 17, 2000; 3:47 PM)

**S.B. NO. 2906:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM "DISASTER RESERVIST" IN RELATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH

THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PROVISIONS PROVIDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 43-41-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF STATE GRANTS AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES UNDER THE STATE'S NATURAL DISASTER PLAN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-18-1 AND 45-18-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE "SOUTHERN REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPACT" TO THE "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 17, 2000; 3:45 PM)

**S.B. NO. 2924:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION OF THE STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 17, 2000; 2:50 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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