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Governor Musgrove Requests Flexibility and Proper Funding of DHS

(Jackson, MS) – Today, Governor Ronnie Musgrove requested the flexibility to manage, along with the proper funding of, the Department of Human Services while the legislative DHS Oversight Committee meets to discuss the Department.

“I call on the Legislature to fully fund the Department of Human Services and give us the flexibility to run the program. We have been successful with the Medicaid program and I ask for that same level of flexibility and responsibility along with proper funding.

“We must continue critical services such as child support enforcement and the protection of our children. Our children are too important for the Legislature to continue to play politics.

“The efforts to privatize child support or dismantle child support collections is purely political when the Legislature has not properly funded the current efforts. These efforts are extremely insensitive to the mothers and children of our state.

“Again, I call on the Legislature to fund the Department of Human Services and stop playing politics.”

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