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Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today after the passage of House Bill 400, which would create a State Board of Human Services:

“This legislation is nothing more than an attempt to weaken the power of the governor and further distance the governor’s position from the management of state government. I will continue to work against this bill in the Senate. If by chance it does reach my desk, I will veto the bill.”

“The Legislature doesn’t need to be running our state agencies. They need to focus on what’s important to the people of Mississippi – using real numbers to craft a budget, working to create a good environment for jobs and economic growth, and providing a strong educational foundation for our children.”