

By: Huggins (By Request)

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2436  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-89-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE INFANT MORTALITY TASK  
3 FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 41-89-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 41-89-1. (1) There is created the Infant Mortality Task  
8 Force, the purpose of which is to foster the reduction of infant  
9 mortality and morbidity in Mississippi and to improve the health  
10 status of mothers and infants.

11 (2) The Infant Mortality Task Force is hereby continued and  
12 reconstituted as follows: The task force shall be composed of  
13 eleven (11) voting members appointed as follows:

14 (a) The Governor shall appoint seven (7) members, at  
15 least one (1) of which shall be appointed from each Mississippi  
16 congressional district \* \* \*.

17 (b) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint two (2)  
18 members from the state at large.

19 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
20 appoint two (2) members from the state at large.

21 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the task  
22 force be comprised of persons with a professional association with  
23 or special interest in maternal and infant health and well-being.

24 (e) Any member of the Infant Mortality Task Force  
25 appointed and serving prior to July 1, 1995, shall be eligible for  
26 reappointment to the task force.

27           (3) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members for initial  
28 terms that expire on June 30, 1996, two (2) members for initial  
29 terms that expire on June 30, 1997, and three (3) members for  
30 initial terms that expire on June 30, 1998. The Lieutenant  
31 Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
32 one (1) member for an initial term that expires on June 30, 1997,  
33 and one (1) member for an initial term that expires on June 30,  
34 1998. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of  
35 three (3) years from the expiration of the previous term. No  
36 member shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms. Any  
37 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be  
38 filled for the unexpired term by the appropriate appointing  
39 authority. An appointment to fill an unexpired term shall not be  
40 considered as a full term.

41           (4) The administrative head of the following state agencies  
42 shall designate one (1) employee to serve in an advisory capacity  
43 as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Infant Mortality Task  
44 Force: (a) Mississippi Department of Health; (b) State Department  
45 of Education; (c) Department of Human Services; (d) Mississippi  
46 Department of Mental Health; (e) Division of Medicaid; and (f) the  
47 University Medical Center. In addition there shall be one (1)  
48 member of the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association who  
49 shall serve in an advisory capacity as an ex officio nonvoting  
50 member.

51           (5) The Chairman of the Senate Public Health and Welfare  
52 Committee and one (1) member of said committee to be designated by  
53 the chairman, and the Chairman of the House Public Health and  
54 Welfare Committee and one (1) member of said committee to be  
55 designated by the chairman shall serve in an advisory capacity as  
56 ex officio nonvoting members of the Infant Mortality Task Force.

57           (6) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2003.

58           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
59 and after July 1, 2000.