

By: Representative Mayo

To: Insurance;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 673

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO WORKS FULL TIME FOR A REGIONAL MENTAL
3 HEALTH/RETARDATION CENTER SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE STATE AND
4 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 **[Through June 30 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**
10 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**
11 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

12 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and
13 phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

14 (a) "Employee" means a person who works full time for
15 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct
16 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state
17 government, and any person who works full time for any school
18 district, community/junior college, public library or
19 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for
20 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children, or any regular
21 nonstudent bus driver, and any person who works full time for a
22 regional mental health/retardation center established under
23 Section 41-19-33. This shall include legislators, employees of
24 the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state and
25 "employees" shall include full-time salaried judges and full-time
26 district attorneys and their staff and full-time compulsory school
27 attendance officers. For the purposes of this article, any

28 "employee" making contributions to the State of Mississippi
29 retirement plan shall be considered a full-time employee.

30 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and
31 Administration.

32 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life
33 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

34 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees
35 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

36 (e) "Retiree" means any employee retired under the
37 Mississippi retirement plan.

38 (f) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health
39 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

40 **[From and after July 1 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**
41 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**
42 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

43 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and
44 phrases used in this section shall have the following meanings:

45 (a) "Employee" means a person who works full time for
46 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct
47 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state
48 government, and any person who works full time for any school
49 district, community/junior college, public library,
50 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for
51 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children, or any regular
52 nonstudent bus driver, and any person who works full time for a
53 regional mental health/retardation center established under
54 Section 41-19-33. This term includes legislators, employees of
55 the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state,
56 full-time salaried judges and full-time district attorneys and
57 their staff, and full-time compulsory school attendance officers.
58 For the purposes of this article, any "employee" making
59 contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System or the

60 Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System shall be considered a
61 full-time employee.

62 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and
63 Administration.

64 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life
65 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

66 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees
67 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

68 (e) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health
69 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

70 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
71 and after July 1, 2005.