

By: Representatives Holland, Lott

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1437

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRAUMA CARE TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A  
2 STUDY OF THE STATUS OF TRAUMA CARE AND BURN CARE IN MISSISSIPPI  
3 AND DEVELOP A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE 2008 REGULAR SESSION  
4 OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Trauma Care Task Force,  
7 which shall be composed of thirteen (13) members as follows:

8 (a) One (1) regional trauma registrar designated by the  
9 Trauma Care Committee of the Mississippi Hospital Association.

10 (b) One (1) licensed physician appointed by the  
11 Governor from a list of nominees from the Mississippi Chapter of  
12 the American College of Emergency Physicians;

13 (c) One (1) licensed physician appointed by the  
14 Governor from a list of nominees from the Mississippi Chapter of  
15 the American College of Surgeons;

16 (d) Two (2) hospital administrators designated by the  
17 Trauma Care Committee of Mississippi Hospital Association;

18 (e) Two (2) trauma nurse coordinators named by the  
19 Mississippi Association of Trauma Administrators;

20 (f) Two (2) members of the Mississippi House of  
21 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

22 (g) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the  
23 Lieutenant Governor;

24 (h) One (1) member appointed by the Governor, who shall  
25 be a person who has been a recipient of trauma care in Mississippi  
26 or who has an immediate family member who has been a recipient of  
27 trauma care in Mississippi;

28           (i) One (1) licensed physician or an appropriate  
29 administrator involved in the practice and/or delivery of trauma  
30 care at University Medical Center appointed by the Governor.

31           (2) All members of the task force shall be designated or  
32 appointed in accordance with Section 1 above and shall be so  
33 designated or appointed in sufficient time so as to allow for all  
34 members of the task force to be identified prior to the first  
35 meeting of the task force.

36           (3) The first meeting of the task force shall take place no  
37 later than June 1, 2007, on the call of the Governor at a place  
38 designated by him. At the first meeting of the task force, the  
39 two (2) hospital administrators designated in accordance with  
40 Section 1 shall act as temporary chairmen of the task force in  
41 order to organize and to elect a chairman and vice chairman from  
42 its membership. Following the election of the chairman and vice  
43 chairman, the task force shall adopt rules for transacting its  
44 business and keeping records. Members of the task force other  
45 than the legislative members shall receive reimbursement for  
46 travel expenses incurred while engaged in official business of the  
47 task force in accordance with Section 25-3-41, and the legislative  
48 members of the task force shall receive the compensation  
49 authorized for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in  
50 session. Payment of such expenses set forth herein shall be from  
51 funds made available therefor by the Legislature or from any other  
52 public or private source.

53           (4) (a) The duties of the task force shall be to:

54                   (i) Conduct a study of the status of trauma care,  
55 including burn care, in Mississippi; and

56                   (ii) Review and determine the efficacy of the  
57 Mississippi Trauma Care Plan; and

58                   (iii) Determine adequate funding requirements and  
59 research existing and potential funding mechanisms necessary to  
60 provide for trauma care in Mississippi; and

61 (iv) Make appropriate findings and recommendations  
62 regarding the matters considered in accordance with the trauma  
63 care study in subsection (1) and regarding its review of the  
64 Mississippi Trauma Care Plan. Such findings and recommendations  
65 shall address, at a minimum, the status of the state's trauma care  
66 system and any legislative action that may be needed to further  
67 enhance the delivery of trauma care in Mississippi.

68 (b) Before December 1, 2007, the task force shall make  
69 a report presenting such findings and recommendations to the  
70 Governor and to all members of the Legislature for consideration  
71 during the 2008 Regular Session.

72 (5) The State Department of Health shall provide appropriate  
73 staff support and shall designate an appropriate department  
74 employee to act as a point of contact for the provision of staff  
75 support to the task force. All other agencies, departments,  
76 offices and institutions of the state, including all state  
77 universities and community and junior colleges, shall cooperate  
78 with the task force and provide such assistance as requested by  
79 the task force.

80 (6) Upon presentation of its report, the task force shall be  
81 dissolved.

82 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
83 and after its passage.