

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2644

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8           **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10           25-15-303. (1) There is created the State and School  
11 Employees Health Insurance Management Board, which shall  
12 administer the State and School Employees Life and Health  
13 Insurance Plan provided for under Section 25-15-3 et seq. The  
14 State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board,  
15 hereafter referred to as the "board," shall also be responsible  
16 for administering all procedures for selecting third-party  
17 administrators provided for in Section 25-15-301.

18           (2) The board shall consist of the following:

19           (a) The Chairman of the Workers' Compensation  
20 Commission;

21           (b) The State Personnel Director;

22           (c) The Commissioner of Insurance;

23           (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

24           (e) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

25           (f) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance  
26 and Administration;

27           (g) The Executive Director of the State Board for  
28 Community and Junior Colleges;

29           (h) The Executive Director of the Public Employees'  
30 Retirement System;

31           (i) Two (2) appointees of the Governor whose terms  
32 shall be concurrent with that of the Governor, one (1) of whom  
33 shall have experience in providing actuarial advice to companies

34 that provide health insurance to large groups and one (1) of whom  
35 shall have experience in the day-to-day management and  
36 administration of a large self-funded health insurance group;

37         (j) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, or  
38 his designee;

39         (k) The Chairman of the House of Representatives  
40 Insurance Committee, or his designee;

41         (l) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations  
42 Committee, or his designee; and

43         (m) The Chairman of the House of Representatives  
44 Appropriations Committee, or his designee.

45         The legislators, or their designees, shall serve as ex  
46 officio, nonvoting members of the board.

47         The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and  
48 Administration shall be the chairman of the board.

49         (3) The board shall meet at least monthly and maintain  
50 minutes of the meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of  
51 the authorized voting membership of the board. The board shall  
52 have the sole authority to promulgate rules and regulations  
53 governing the operations of the insurance plans and shall be  
54 vested with all legal authority necessary and proper to perform  
55 this function including, but not limited to:

56                 (a) Defining the scope and coverages provided by the  
57 insurance plan;

58                 (b) Seeking proposals for services or insurance through  
59 competitive processes where required by law and selecting service  
60 providers or insurers under procedures provided for by law; and

61                 (c) Developing and adopting strategic plans and budgets  
62 for the insurance plan.

63         The department shall employ a State Insurance Administrator,  
64 who shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and  
65 administration of the insurance plan. The board shall employ a  
66 Deputy State Insurance Administrator who shall be an actuary and a  
67 member of the American Academy of Actuaries. The Deputy State  
68 Insurance Administrator shall have experience in providing

69 actuarial services to companies that provide health insurance to  
70 large groups. The deputy administrator shall receive a salary set  
71 by the board and shall not be subject to the authority of the  
72 State Personnel Board for any purpose. The Department of Finance  
73 and Administration shall provide to the board on a full-time basis  
74 personnel and technical support necessary and sufficient to  
75 effectively and efficiently carry out the requirements of this  
76 section.

77 (4) Members of the board shall not receive any compensation  
78 or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for  
79 under Section 25-3-41 except that the legislators shall receive  
80 per diem and expenses, which shall be paid from the contingent  
81 expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as  
82 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in  
83 session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings  
84 of the board shall be paid while the Legislature is in session.

85 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
86 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH  
3 INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD TO ADD THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES AND THE EXECUTIVE  
5 DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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