

By: Representatives White, Sykes

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 876

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-111-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE CHILD DEATH REVIEW  
3 PANEL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-111-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 41-111-1. (1) There is created the Child Death Review  
8 Panel, whose primary purpose is to foster the reduction of infant  
9 and child mortality and morbidity in Mississippi and to improve  
10 the health status of infants and children.

11 (2) The Child Death Review Panel shall be composed of  
12 seventeen (17) voting members: the State Medical Examiner or his  
13 representative, a pathologist on staff at the University of  
14 Mississippi Medical Center, an appointee of the Lieutenant  
15 Governor, an appointee of the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives, and one (1) representative from each of the  
17 following: the State Coroners Association, the Mississippi  
18 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Office of Vital



19 Statistics in the State Department of Health, the Attorney  
20 General's office, the State Sheriff's Association, the Mississippi  
21 Police Chiefs Association, the Department of Human Services, the  
22 Children's Advocacy Center, the State Chapter of the March of  
23 Dimes, the State SIDS Alliance, the Mississippi Children's Safe  
24 Center, Safe Kids Mississippi, and the Mississippi State Fire  
25 Marshal's office.

26 (3) The Chairman of the Child Death Review Panel shall be  
27 elected annually by the Review Panel membership. The Review Panel  
28 shall develop and implement such procedures and policies necessary  
29 for its operation, including obtaining and protecting confidential  
30 records from the agencies and officials specified in subsection  
31 (4) of this section. The Review Panel shall be assigned to the  
32 State Department of Health for administrative purposes only, and  
33 the department shall designate staff to assist the Review Panel.

34 (4) The Child Death Review Panel shall submit a report  
35 annually to the Chairmen of the House Public Health and Human  
36 Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare  
37 Committee on or before December 1. The report shall include the  
38 numbers, causes and relevant demographic information on child and  
39 infant deaths in Mississippi, and appropriate recommendations to  
40 the Legislature on how to most effectively direct state resources  
41 to decrease infant and child deaths in Mississippi. Data for the  
42 Review Panel's review and reporting shall be provided to the  
43 Review Panel, upon the request of the Review Panel, by the State



44 Medical Examiner's office, State Department of Health, Department  
45 of Human Services, medical examiners, coroners, health care  
46 providers, law enforcement agencies, any other agencies or  
47 officials having information that is necessary for the Review  
48 Panel to carry out its duties under this section. The State  
49 Department of Health shall also be responsible for printing and  
50 distributing the annual report(s) on child and infant deaths in  
51 Mississippi.

52 (5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, \* \* \* 2021.

53 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
54 and after July 1, 2018.

