

By: Representative Bennett

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 676

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
3 HEALTH INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD BY AUTHORIZATION OF STATE AGENCY  
4 EXECUTIVE HEADS TO DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE IN HIS OR HER  
5 CAPACITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 25-15-303. (1) There is created the State and School  
10 Employees Health Insurance Management Board, which shall  
11 administer the State and School Employees Life and Health  
12 Insurance Plan provided for under Section 25-15-3 et seq. The  
13 State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board,  
14 hereafter referred to as the "board," shall also be responsible  
15 for administering all procedures for selecting third-party  
16 administrators provided for in Section 25-15-301.

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

18 (a) The Chairman of the Workers' Compensation  
19 Commission or his or her designee;



- 20 (b) The State Personnel Director, or his or her  
21 designee;
- 22 (c) The Commissioner of Insurance, or his or her  
23 designee;
- 24 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or his or her  
25 designee;
- 26 (e) The State Superintendent of Public Education, or  
27 his or her designee;
- 28 (f) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance  
29 and Administration, or his or her designee;
- 30 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community  
31 College Board, or his or her designee;
- 32 (h) The Executive Director of the Public Employees'  
33 Retirement System, or his or her designee;
- 34 (i) Two (2) appointees of the Governor whose terms  
35 shall be concurrent with that of the Governor, one (1) of whom  
36 shall have experience in providing actuarial advice to companies  
37 that provide health insurance to large groups and one (1) of whom  
38 shall have experience in the day-to-day management and  
39 administration of a large self-funded health insurance group;
- 40 (j) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, or  
41 his or her designee;
- 42 (k) The Chairman of the House of Representatives  
43 Insurance Committee, or his or her designee;



44 (1) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations  
45 Committee, or his or her designee; and

46 (m) The Chairman of the House of Representatives  
47 Appropriations Committee, or his or her designee.

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

50 The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and  
51 Administration shall be the chairman of the board.

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

59 (a) Defining the scope and coverages provided by the  
60 insurance plan;

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

64 (c) Developing and adopting strategic plans and budgets  
65 for the insurance plan.

66 The department shall employ a State Insurance Administrator,  
67 who shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and  
68 administration of the insurance plan. The Department of Finance



69 and Administration shall provide to the board on a full-time basis  
70 personnel and technical support necessary and sufficient to  
71 effectively and efficiently carry out the requirements of this  
72 section.

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

81 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2020.

