

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1519

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
3 ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE MISSISSIPPI TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 41-59-7. (1) There is created an Emergency Medical Services  
9 Advisory Council. \* \* \* On July 1, 2020, the terms of the members  
10 serving on the advisory council shall expire, and the advisory  
11 council shall be reconstituted to consist of the following  
12 members, who shall be appointed by the \* \* \* State Health Officer:

13 (a) One (1) \* \* \* operator of a private Mississippi  
14 licensed EMS agency;

15 (b) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a  
16 list of nominees who are actively engaged in rendering emergency  
17 medical services \* \* \* as an offline medical director;

18 (c) One (1) \* \* \* operator of a fire based (career)  
19 Mississippi licensed transport EMS agency;



- 20 (d) \* \* \* One (1) operator of a hospital based  
21 Mississippi licensed EMS agency;
- 22 (e) \* \* \* One (1) operator of an air medical  
23 Mississippi licensed EMS agency;
- 24 (f) \* \* \* One (1) official of county or municipal  
25 government;
- 26 (g) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a  
27 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the  
28 American College of Emergency Physicians;
- 29 (h) One (1) representative from \* \* \* the Mississippi  
30 EMT Association to be appointed by the association's governing  
31 body;
- 32 (i) One (1) \* \* \* licensed physician to be appointed  
33 from a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Chapter of  
34 the American College of Pediatrics;
- 35 (j) One (1) EMT-Paramedic whose employer renders  
36 emergency medical services in a designated trauma care region;
- 37 (k) One (1) \* \* \* Mississippi EMS educator approved by  
38 BEMS to provide EMS training;
- 39 (l) One (1) member who shall be a person who has been a  
40 recipient of \* \* \* EMS care in Mississippi or who has an immediate  
41 family member who has been a recipient of \* \* \* EMS care in  
42 Mississippi;
- 43 \* \* \*



44 ( \* \* \*m) One (1) representative from the  
45 Mississippians for Emergency Medical Services, to be appointed by  
46 the association's governing body \* \* \*; and

47 (n) One (1) member of the Trauma Advisory Committee.

48 The initial terms of the members of the reconstituted  
49 advisory council \* \* \* shall begin on July 1, \* \* \* 2020. \* \* \*  
50 Seven (7) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2)  
51 years, \* \* \* and seven (7) members shall be appointed for a term  
52 of three (3) years \* \* \*. Thereafter, members shall be appointed  
53 for a term of four (4) years from the expiration date of the  
54 previous term. The \* \* \* State Health Officer or his designated  
55 representative shall serve as ex officio chairman of the advisory  
56 council. Advisory council members may hold over and shall  
57 continue to serve until a replacement is named by the \* \* \* State  
58 Health Officer.

59 The advisory council shall meet at the call of the chairman  
60 at least annually. For attendance at such meetings, the members  
61 of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for their actual and  
62 necessary expenses including food, lodging and mileage as  
63 authorized by law, and they shall be paid per diem compensation  
64 authorized under Section 25-3-69.

65 The advisory council shall advise and make recommendations to  
66 the board regarding rules and regulations promulgated \* \* \* under  
67 this chapter.



68 (2) There is created a committee \* \* \* to be named the  
69 Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee \* \* \*. This committee shall  
70 act as the advisory body for trauma care system development and  
71 provide technical support to the department in all areas of trauma  
72 care system design, trauma standards, data collection and  
73 evaluation, continuous quality improvement, trauma care system  
74 funding, and evaluation of the trauma care system and trauma care  
75 programs. The membership of the Mississippi Trauma Advisory  
76 Committee shall be comprised of \* \* \* the following members who  
77 shall be appointed by the State Health Officer:

78 (a) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a  
79 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Trauma Committee,  
80 American College of Surgeons;

81 (b) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a  
82 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the  
83 American College of Emergency Physicians;

84 (c) One (1) licensed neurosurgeon to be appointed from  
85 a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi State Medical  
86 Association;

87 (d) One (1) licensed physician involved in the care of  
88 pediatric trauma patients to be appointed from a list of nominees  
89 presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the American College of  
90 Pediatrics;

91 (e) One (1) trauma surgeon, trauma program nurse or  
92 trauma registrar representative from one (1) in-state Level 1



93 trauma center to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by  
94 in-state Level 1 trauma centers;

95 (f) One (1) trauma surgeon, trauma program nurse or  
96 trauma registrar representative from one (1) designated  
97 out-of-state participating Level 1 trauma center to be appointed  
98 from a list of nominees submitted by out-of-state trauma centers;

99 (g) One (1) trauma surgeon, trauma program nurse or  
100 trauma registrar representative from one (1) designated Level 2  
101 trauma center to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by  
102 Level 2 trauma centers;

103 (h) One (1) trauma surgeon, trauma program nurse or  
104 trauma registrar representative from one (1) designated Level 3  
105 trauma center or burn center to be appointed from a list of  
106 nominees submitted by Level 3 trauma centers and burn centers;

107 (i) One (1) trauma surgeon, trauma program nurse or  
108 trauma registrar representative from one (1) designated Level 4  
109 trauma center to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by  
110 Level 4 trauma centers;

111 (j) One (1) registered nurse to be appointed from a  
112 list of nominees submitted by the Mississippi Emergency Nurses  
113 Association;

114 (k) One (1) registered nurse whose employer renders  
115 emergency services to be appointed from a list of nominees  
116 presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association;



117           (l) Two (2) hospital administrators who are employees  
118 of hospitals that provide emergency services to be appointed from  
119 a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Hospital  
120 Association;

121           (m) One (1) representative from the EMS Advisory  
122 Council;

123           (n) One (1) certified paramedic appointed from a list  
124 of nominees presented by Mississippians for Emergency Medical  
125 Services;

126           (o) One (1) certified paramedic appointed from a list  
127 of nominees presented by the Mississippi EMT Association; and

128           (p) One (1) representative from the Department of  
129 Rehabilitation Services to be appointed from a list of nominees  
130 presented by Department of Rehabilitation Services.

131           The initial terms of the advisory committee members shall  
132 begin on July 1, 2020. Nine (9) members shall be appointed for a  
133 term of two (2) years and eight (8) members shall be appointed for  
134 a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed  
135 for a term of four (4) years from the expiration date of the  
136 previous term. The State Health Officer or his designated  
137 representative shall serve as ex officio chairman of the advisory  
138 committee. Advisory committee members may hold over and shall  
139 continue to serve until a replacement is named by the State Health  
140 Officer.



141       The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairman  
142 at least annually. For attendance at such meetings, the members  
143 of the advisory committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and  
144 necessary expenses including food, lodging and mileage as  
145 authorized by law, and they shall be paid per diem compensation  
146 authorized under Section 25-3-69.

147       The advisory committee shall advise and make recommendations  
148 to the board regarding rules and regulations relating to trauma  
149 care promulgated under this chapter.

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

