

By: Representatives Dortch, Hines, Paden

To: Rules; Appropriations

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DEADLINES FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF REQUESTING THE DRAFTING, AND THE INTRODUCTION,
3 CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE, OF A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REQUIRE
4 THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TO PROVIDE PAID
5 LEAVE TO ANY PERSON WHO IS UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE THE PERSON HAS
6 BEEN CONFIRMED WITH COVID-19, THE PERSON'S EMPLOYER HAS SUSPENDED
7 OR DISCONTINUED BUSINESS DUE TO COVID-19, THE PERSON'S EMPLOYER
8 HAS REDUCED HIS OR HER WORK HOURS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OR THE
9 PERSON IS UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO LACK OF CHILD CARE AS A RESULT OF
10 SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CLOSINGS OR SUSPENSION AND SUCH PERSON IS
11 NOT PAID FOR THE LOSS OF WORK HOURS, AS APPLICABLE; TO AUTHORIZE
12 THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE
13 GRANTS TO HOSPITALS AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR THE
14 PROVISION OF FREE TESTING AND TREATMENT TO PERSONS EXPOSED TO
15 COVID-19; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID TO SEEK ALL
16 FEDERAL WAIVERS THAT WOULD ALLOW UNINSURED MISSISSIPPIANS TO HAVE
17 COVID-19 TESTING AND TREATMENT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
18 SERVICES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO CHILD
19 CARE OPERATORS DURING THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS
20 DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISES;
21 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
23 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That the Joint
24 Rules of the House and the Senate, including all the deadlines and
25 other provisions imposed by Joint Rule No. 40, are suspended for
26 the purpose of requesting the drafting, and the introduction,
27 consideration and passage, of a bill entitled "AN ACT TO REQUIRE



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