

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2226

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-89-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEAL ON THE PROVISION WHICH CREATES THE
3 INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION COLLABORATIVE AND PROVIDES FOR ITS
4 MEMBERSHIP; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-89-21, Mississippi Code of 1972,
7 is amended as follows:

8 41-89-21. (1) There is created the Infant Mortality
9 Reduction Collaborative, to be composed of eleven (11) members as
10 follows:

11 (a) The Chairman of the House Medicaid Committee or the
12 designee of the chairman;

13 (b) The Chairman of the Senate Public Health and
14 Welfare Committee or the designee of the chairman;

15 (c) The State Health Officer or the designee of the
16 health officer;

17 (d) The Director of the Division of Pharmacy of the
18 State Department of Health;



19 (e) The Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid
20 or the designee of the executive director;

21 (f) The Pharmacy Director of the Division of Medicaid;

22 (g) Two (2) licensed physicians who are certified in
23 obstetrics and gynecology appointed by the State Health Officer;

24 (h) One (1) representative of the pharmaceutical
25 industry appointed by the State Health Officer;

26 (i) One (1) representative of private insurance
27 providers appointed by the Governor; and

28 (j) One (1) representative of the Blair E. Batson
29 Hospital for Children appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Health
30 Affairs of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

31 (2) The State Health Officer shall be the chairman of the
32 Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative. The collaborative shall
33 adopt bylaws and rules for its efficient operation, which may
34 include designation of its organizational structure including
35 other officers and committees, duties of officers and committees,
36 a process for selecting officers, quorum requirements for
37 committees, provisions for special or ad hoc committees, staff
38 policies and other such procedures as may be necessary. The
39 collaborative may establish committees responsible for conducting
40 specific collaborative programs or activities.

41 (3) The Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative shall be
42 assigned to the State Department of Health for administrative



purposes only, and the department shall designate staff to assist the collaborative.

(4) The Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative shall meet and conduct business at least quarterly. All meetings of the collaborative and any committees of the collaborative shall be open to the public, with opportunities for public comment provided on a regular basis. Notice of all meetings shall be given as provided in the Open Meetings Act (Section 25-41-1 et seq.) and appropriate notice also shall be given to all persons so requesting of the date, time and place of each meeting.

(5) The Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative may apply for and expend grants or other contributions for the purpose of promoting maternal and infant health in Mississippi.

(6) The Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative shall annually make policy recommendations to the Legislature and recommendations for regulatory changes to state agencies on the following matters:

(a) Ensuring the availability, accessibility and affordability of a hormonal supplement that is used to prevent preterm deliveries in pregnant women;

(b) Ensuring access to preconception health care;

(c) Reducing the number of early elective deliveries;

and

(d) The development of perinatal regions of care.



67 (7) In developing its recommendations, the collaborative may
68 consult with experts and shall examine actions taken in other
69 states.

70 (8) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2023.

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

