

By: Senator(s) DeBar

To: Insurance; Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2541

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 THE STATE  
4 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO  
5 SERVE IN HIS OR HER 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;



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



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

47           The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and  
48 Administration shall be the chairman of the board.

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

56                   (a) Defining the scope and coverages provided by the  
57 insurance plan;

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

61                   (c) Developing and adopting strategic plans and budgets  
62 for the insurance plan.

63           The department shall employ a State Insurance Administrator,  
64 who shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and  
65 administration of the insurance plan. The Department of Finance  
66 and Administration shall provide to the board on a full-time basis  
67 personnel and technical support necessary and sufficient to  
68 effectively and efficiently carry out the requirements of this  
69 section.



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

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

