

By: Representatives McGee, Faulkner, Stamps, To: Appropriations
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HOUSE BILL NO. 928

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH
2 A GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOSPITALS FOR EXPANSIONS OF THE HOSPITAL
3 FACILITIES THAT INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF
4 THE NEED FOR MORE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE TREATMENT AND CARE FOR THE
5 GREATER NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE COVID-19; TO PROVIDE THAT
6 GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED BY HOSPITALS FOR HOSPITAL
7 EXPANSIONS THAT ARE MADE ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
8 ACT OR AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY HOSPITALS FOR
9 EXPANSIONS THAT WERE MADE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT;
10 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Health shall
13 establish a grant program for hospitals for expansions of the
14 hospital facilities that increase the capacity of the hospital
15 because of the need for more capacity to provide treatment and
16 care for the greater number of patients who have COVID-19. Grants
17 provided under the program may be used by hospitals for hospital
18 expansions that are made on or after the effective date of this
19 act or as reimbursement for the expenses incurred by hospitals for
20 expansions that were made before the effective date of this act.

21 (2) Under the grant program, the department shall receive
22 applications from hospitals that describe in detail how the funds



23 will be used by the hospitals, how receipt of the funds will
24 improve the ability of the hospitals to provide treatment and care
25 for patients who have COVID-19, and any other information as
26 required by the department. An application for grants under the
27 program shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and
28 contain such information as the board prescribes.

29 (3) The department shall adopt such rules and regulations as
30 necessary for the administration of the grant program. The
31 department shall operate and administer the grant program from
32 funds appropriated by the Legislature from the Coronavirus State
33 Fiscal Recovery Fund for that purpose.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2022.

