

By: Senator(s) Sojourner

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2809

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ITS POLITICAL
2 SUBDIVISIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST, OR GRANTING PREFERENTIAL
3 TREATMENT TO, ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP ON THE BASIS OF RACE, SEX,
4 GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN
5 THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, PUBLIC EDUCATION OR PUBLIC
6 CONTRACTING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The State of Mississippi and its political
9 subdivisions, including, but not limited to, public colleges and
10 universities, shall not discriminate against, or grant
11 preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of
12 race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity or
13 national origin in the operation of public employment, public
14 education or public contracting.

15 For purposes of this section, the terms "State of
16 Mississippi" and "political subdivisions" shall have the meanings
17 as provided in Section 11-46-1.

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

