By: Representatives Mims, Scoggin, Faulkner,   To: Public Health and Human
Anthony, McGee   Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

1   AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTH CARE IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM TO
2 BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THAT
3 THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO HOSPITALS AND LONG-TERM CARE
4 FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE
5 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE
6 SERVICES, AND PARTIALLY COMPENSATING HOSPITALS FOR THE COST OF
7 UNCOMPENSATED CARE THAT THEY HAVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF
8 THE GRANTS SHALL BE CALCULATED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF LICENSED
9 BEDS OF THE HOSPITALS AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; TO TRANSFER A
10 CERTAIN SUM FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE
11 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND FOR THE
12 PURPOSE OF FUNDING THIS PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14   **SECTION 1.** There is established the Health Care Impact Grant

15 Program to be administered by the State Department of Health. The

16 program shall provide grants to hospitals and long-term care

17 facilities for the purpose of strengthening and improving the

18 health care system and the quality and availability of health care

19 services, and partially compensating hospitals for the cost of

20 uncompensated care that they have. The amount of the grants shall

21 be calculated based on the number of licensed beds of the

22 hospitals and long-term care facilities. Hospitals eligible for

23 grants under the program include licensed specialty hospitals that

24 are recognized as such by the department.

25   **SECTION 2.** During fiscal year 2024, the State Fiscal Officer

26 shall transfer the sum of Seventy-seven Million Dollars

27 ($77,000,000.00) from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund

28 to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund.

29   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

30 and after July 1, 2023.