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To: Public Health and Human
Services

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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; AND FOR
10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Health Care Impact Grant
13 Program to be administered by the State Department of Health. The
14 program shall provide grants to hospitals and long-term care
15 facilities for the purpose of strengthening and improving the
16 health care system and the quality and availability of health care
17 services, and partially compensating hospitals for the cost of
18 uncompensated care that they have. The amount of the grants shall
19 be calculated based on the number of licensed beds of the
20 hospitals and long-term care facilities. Hospitals eligible for
21 grants under the program include licensed specialty hospitals that
22 are recognized as such by the department.



23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2023.

