By: Representatives Eure, Felsher

To: Gaming; Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 606 (As Sent to Governor)

- AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE-ONLINE SPORTS BETTING TASK FORCE;
  TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES OF THE TASK FORCE; TO DESIGNATE THE
  CO-CHAIRS OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTED MEMBERS
  TO THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT; AND FOR RELATED
  PURPOSES.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created the Mobile-Online
- 8 Sports Betting Task Force to undertake a comprehensive analysis of
- 9 all matters related to online sports betting within this state.
- 10 The task force shall be co-chaired by the House Gaming Committee
- 11 Chair and the Senate Gaming Committee Chair and shall be composed
- 12 of a total of thirteen (13) members, with eleven (11) members to
- 13 be appointed as follows:
- 14 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming
- 15 Commission or a designee;
- 16 (b) The Commissioner of the Department of Revenue or a
- 17 designee;
- 18 (c) The Chairman of the Mississippi Gaming and

19 Hospitality Association or his/her designee;

20 (	d)	Three (	(3)	members	appointed	bv	the	Chair	of	the
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- 21 Senate Gaming Committee, at least one (1) of whom must be a
- 22 licensed casino operator in the state;
- 23 (e) Three (3) members appointed by the Chair of the
- 24 House Gaming Committee, at least one (1) of whom must be a
- 25 licensed casino operator in the state;
- 26 (f) A member of the House Gaming Committee appointed by
- 27 the Chair of the House Gaming Committee; and
- 28 (g) A member of the Senate Gaming Committee appointed
- 29 by the Chair of the Senate Gaming Committee.
- 30 (2) The members of the task force shall be appointed within
- 31 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. Any vacancy
- 32 in the task force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled
- 33 as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section. The task force
- 34 shall hold its first meeting within sixty (60) days of the
- 35 effective date of this act, on a joint call of the chairmen of the
- 36 task force. A majority of the membership of the task force shall
- 37 constitute a quorum, and shall meet at the call of the chairmen.
- 38 All members must be notified in writing of all meetings at least
- 39 five (5) days before the date on which a meeting of the task force
- 40 is scheduled.
- 41 (3) The members of the task force shall serve without
- 42 compensation.
- 43 (4) The PEER Committee shall prepare and submit a final

44 report that contains a detailed statement of findings, conclusions

- 45 and recommendations of the task force as jointly approved by the
- 46 co-chairmen to the Legislature by December 15, 2023. The report
- 47 shall be made available to the public.
- 48 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 49 and after July 1, 2023.