

By: Representative Hobgood-Wilkes

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 985
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
3 COUNCIL TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 41-59-7. (1) There is created an Emergency Medical Services
8 Advisory Council to consist of the following members who shall be
9 appointed by the Governor:

10 (a) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
11 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Trauma Committee,
12 American College of Surgeons;

13 (b) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
14 list of nominees who are actively engaged in rendering emergency
15 medical services presented by the Mississippi State Medical
16 Association;



17 (c) One (1) registered nurse whose employer renders
18 emergency medical services, to be appointed from a list of
19 nominees presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association;

20 (d) Two (2) hospital administrators who are employees
21 of hospitals which provide emergency medical services, to be
22 appointed from a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi
23 Hospital Association;

24 (e) Two (2) operators of ambulance services from a list
25 of nominees presented by the Mississippi Ambulance Alliance;

26 (f) Three (3) officials of county or municipal
27 government;

28 (g) One (1) licensed physician to be appointed from a
29 list of nominees presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the
30 American College of Emergency Physicians;

31 (h) One (1) representative from each previously
32 designated trauma care region * * *;

33 (i) One (1) registered nurse to be appointed from a
34 list of nominees submitted by the Mississippi Emergency Nurses
35 Association;

36 (j) * * * Two (2) paramedics who are actively employed
37 by a Mississippi licensed emergency medical services agency;

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39 (* * * k) One (1) member who shall be a person who has
40 been a recipient of trauma care in Mississippi or who has an



41 immediate family member who has been a recipient of trauma care in
42 Mississippi;

43 (* * *l) One (1) licensed neurosurgeon to be appointed
44 from a list of nominees presented by the Mississippi State Medical
45 Association;

46 (* * *m) One (1) licensed physician with certification
47 or experience in trauma care to be appointed from a list of
48 nominees presented by the Mississippi Medical and Surgical
49 Association;

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51 (* * *n) One (1) representative from the
52 Mississippians for Emergency Medical Services, to be appointed by
53 the association's governing body * * *; and

54 (o) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
55 Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators Association.

56 The terms of the advisory council members shall begin on July
57 1, 1974. Four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two
58 (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of
59 three (3) years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for a
60 term of four (4) years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed
61 for a term of four (4) years. The executive officer or his
62 designated representative shall serve as ex officio chairman of
63 the advisory council. Advisory council members may hold over and
64 shall continue to serve until a replacement is named by the
65 Governor.



66 The advisory council shall meet at the call of the chairman
67 at least annually. For attendance at such meetings, the members
68 of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for their actual and
69 necessary expenses including food, lodging and mileage as
70 authorized by law, and they shall be paid per diem compensation
71 authorized under Section 25-3-69.

72 The advisory council shall advise * * * the board regarding
73 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

74 (2) There is created a committee of the Emergency Medical
75 Services Advisory Council to be named the Mississippi Trauma
76 Advisory Committee (hereinafter "MTAC"). This committee shall act
77 as the advisory body for trauma care system development and
78 provide technical support to the department in all areas of trauma
79 care system design, trauma standards, data collection and
80 evaluation, continuous quality improvement, trauma care system
81 funding, and evaluation of the trauma care system and trauma care
82 programs. The membership of the Mississippi Trauma Advisory
83 Committee shall be comprised of Emergency Medical Services
84 Advisory Council members appointed by the chairman.

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

