

By: Representative Crawford

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-61-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER JULY 1, 2024, EACH AGENCY,
 3 DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL
 4 INCLUDE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OR
 5 INSTITUTION A SEPARATE SECTION THAT PROVIDES THE ORGANIZATIONAL
 6 STRUCTURE OF THE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OR INSTITUTION; TO AMEND
 7 SECTION 25-1-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR
 8 REVIEW AND UPDATES, IF NECESSARY, TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
 9 INFORMATION THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE POSTED ON EACH AGENCY,
 10 DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION WEBSITE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-61-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 13 amended as follows:

14 25-61-19. (1) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each
 15 regular session of the Legislature, each agency or department of
 16 the State of Mississippi shall include on the Internet website of
 17 the agency or department a separate section that provides a
 18 legislative update on any legislation enacted at the legislative
 19 session that revises the powers and duties of the agency or
 20 department. The agency or department shall include a link to the
 21 legislative update section on the home page of the website. The
 22 legislative update section shall contain a summary of the



23 revisions made to the powers and duties of the agency or
24 department by the legislation, and a contact section or link so
25 that members of the public may comment on or ask questions about
26 the revisions or the effect of the revisions in the legislation.
27 The legislative update section shall remain on the website of the
28 agency or department until January 1 of the following year.

29 (2) Within sixty (60) days after July 1, 2024, each agency,
30 department and institution of the State of Mississippi shall
31 include on the Internet website of the agency, department or
32 institution a separate section that provides the organizational
33 structure of the agency, department or institution. Such
34 information shall include the position within the agency,
35 department or institution and the name of the person holding the
36 position. Such information shall be updated as provided in
37 Section 25-1-117.

38 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-1-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 amended as follows:

40 25-1-117. Each state agency and each statewide elected
41 official that provides information to the public about the agency
42 or office on a website on the Internet shall review and update the
43 information on the website on a regular basis, not less frequently
44 than once a month, to ensure that the information appearing on the
45 website is current and that outdated information has been removed
46 or placed in a separate section of archived information. Each
47 review and update shall also include the review and update, if



48 necessary, of the organizational structure information required to
49 be posted on each agency, department and institution website as
50 provided in Section 25-61-19. Any change in structure or
51 personnel to the organizational structure information required to
52 be posted in Section 25-61-19 shall be updated not later than
53 thirty (30) days after the change occurs.

54 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2024.

