

By: Representative Yates

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1644

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS BETWEEN A COUNTY OR
2 MUNICIPALITY AND A PRIVATE PROVIDER OF AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE
3 CONTRACTING PROVIDER TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER OF AMBULANCE
4 SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MUST CONTAIN A PROVISION
5 THAT REQUIRES THE CONTRACTING PROVIDER TO HAVE A MUTUAL AID
6 AGREEMENT WITH OTHER AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RESPOND TO 911
7 AND NATURAL DISASTER CALLS AND PROVIDE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY OR
8 MUNICIPALITY DURING TIMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE CONTRACTING
9 PROVIDER IS EXPERIENCING SHORTAGES OF EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL THAT
10 CAUSE A DELAY IN RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED
11 PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any contract between the board of
14 supervisors of a county or the governing authorities of a
15 municipality and a private provider of ambulance services for the
16 contracting provider to be the exclusive provider of ambulance
17 services in the county or municipality, as the case may be, must
18 contain a provision that requires the contracting provider to have
19 a mutual aid agreement with other ambulance service providers to
20 respond to 911 and natural disaster calls and provide service in
21 the county or municipality, as the case may be, during times and
22 circumstances when the contracting provider is experiencing



23 shortages of equipment or personnel that cause a delay in
24 responding to calls for service. The requirements of this section
25 shall also apply to contracts between emergency medical service
26 districts created under Section 41-59-51 and private providers of
27 ambulance services.

28 (2) This section shall apply to all contracts described in
29 subsection (1) of this section that are entered into or renewed on
30 or after July 1, 2024.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2024.

