

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.

