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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 570

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES THAT EMPLOY OR CONTRACT
2 FOR FULL-TIME CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS),
3 PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS (EMRS) OR FIREFIGHTERS TO
4 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING THAT IS EVIDENCE-BASED
5 AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ALL OF THOSE
6 PERSONNEL BY JULY 1, 2031; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Each governmental body that employs or contracts
9 for full-time emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics or
10 emergency medical responders (EMRs) who are certified by the State
11 Department of Health, and each governmental entity that employs or
12 contracts for full-time firefighters who are certified by the
13 Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification
14 Board, shall provide Mental Health First Aid training that is
15 evidence-based and approved by the Department of Mental Health to
16 all of those personnel by July 1, 2031.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after July 1, 2025.

