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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 570
(As Passed the House)

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), 911 DISPATCHERS
4 OR FIREFIGHTERS TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING THAT
5 IS EVIDENCE-BASED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
6 TO ALL OF THOSE PERSONNEL BY JULY 1, 2031; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Each governmental body that employs or contracts
10 for full-time emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics or
11 emergency medical responders (EMRs) who are certified by the State
12 Department of Health, or 911 dispatchers, and each governmental
13 entity that employs or contracts for full-time firefighters who
14 are certified by the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards
15 and Certification Board, shall provide Mental Health First Aid
16 training that is evidence-based and approved by the Department of
17 Mental Health to all of those personnel by July 1, 2031.

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

