

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Public Health and Human  
Services; Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 627

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-106-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE AUTHORITY OF THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL  
3 ASSISTANCE BOARD TO ADMINISTER FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAMS; TO REPEAL  
4 SECTION 37-106-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE  
5 STATE MEDICAL FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION  
6 37-106-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE STATE  
7 DENTAL FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-65,  
8 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE OUT-OF-STATE GRADUATE  
9 AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION  
10 37-106-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE HEALTH CARE  
11 PROFESSIONS' FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-69,  
12 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE FAMILY PROTECTION  
13 SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKER FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL  
14 SECTION 37-106-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE  
15 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; AND FOR  
16 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-106-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:

20 37-106-47. (1) \* \* \*

21 \* \* \* The board is authorized and empowered to promulgate  
22 rules and regulations for the Southern Regional Education Board  
23 Contract \* \* \* Program, created through the regional education  
24 compact, as set forth in Section 37-135-1.



(2) In furtherance of such power and authority, the board is authorized: to adopt and implement rules and regulations declaring and describing the goals and objectives of such forgivable loan programs; to establish the eligibility requirements for entry into such program and required for continuing participation for succeeding years; to determine the maximum amount to be made available to recipients; to delineate the terms and conditions of contracts with recipients and establish the service requirements for such contracts, if any; to enter into contracts pertaining to such programs with recipients; to enter into loan agreements and other contracts with financial institutions or other providers of loan monies for forgivable loan and loan repayment participants; and to allocate and utilize such funds as may be necessary for the operation of such forgivable loan programs from the annual appropriation for student financial aid. \* \* \*

**SECTION 2.** Section 37-106-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the state medical forgivable loan program, is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** Section 37-106-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the state dental forgivable loan program, is repealed.

**SECTION 4.** Section 37-106-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the out-of-state graduate and professional school forgivable loan program, is repealed.



50           **SECTION 5.** Section 37-106-67, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
51 which creates the health care professions' forgivable loan  
52 program, is repealed.

53           **SECTION 6.** Section 37-106-69, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
54 which creates the family protection specialist social worker  
55 forgivable loan program, is repealed.

56           **SECTION 7.** Section 37-106-73, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
57 which creates the Speech-Language Pathologists Forgivable Loan  
58 Program, is repealed.

59           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2025.

