

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1415

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-15-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED
3 NURSE AIDES (CNAS) FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE
4 MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING; TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM DUTIES OF
5 THE BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS; TO DIRECT THE STATE
6 TREASURER TO TRANSFER TO THE BOARD THE BALANCE OF ANY FUNDS OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT THAT WERE USED FOR ADMINISTERING THE CERTIFICATION OF
8 CNAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
11 73-15-71, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 73-15-71. (1) From and after July 1, 2026, the
13 certification of certified nurse aides (CNAs) shall be
14 administered by the Mississippi Board of Nursing instead of the
15 State Department of Health. The duties of the board for the
16 certification process shall include, but not be limited to, the
17 following:

18 (a) Prescribe the requirements for certification and
19 recertification of nurse aides;

20 (b) Approve training courses for persons to be eligible
21 to take the certification examination;



22 (c) Administer the certification examination or
23 contract with an administrator to develop, schedule, administer,
24 score and report the results of the certification examination;

25 (d) Issue certifications and renewals of certifications
26 for nurse aides; and

27 (e) Maintaining the Mississippi certified nurse aide
28 registry.

29 (2) The Mississippi Board of Nursing is authorized to
30 promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards as
31 needed to carry out the provisions of this section.

32 (3) The Mississippi Board of Nursing shall not increase the
33 amount of the fees charged for applications, examinations,
34 issuance of certification and renewals of certifications for a
35 period of two (2) years after the effective date of this act.

36 **SECTION 2.** Any position or positions at the State Department
37 of Health whose duties are substantially involved with the
38 administration of certification of CNAs shall be transferred to
39 the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

40 **SECTION 3.** On July 1, 2026, the State Treasurer, in
41 conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the
42 balance of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the
43 State Department of Health on June 30, 2026, that were used by the
44 department for administering of the certification of certified
45 nurse aides, into a special fund to the credit of the Mississippi
46 Board of Nursing, which shall be used by the board, upon



47 appropriation by the Legislature, for administering of the
48 certification of certified nurse aides.

49 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 2026.

