

By: Representative Hines

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1576

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-77-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR BIRTHING CENTERS TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN
3 AGREEMENT WITH A HOSPITAL THAT HAS AN ORGANIZED OBSTETRICAL
4 SERVICE AND PROVIDES SUCH SERVICE ON A CONTINUING BASIS, STATING
5 THAT THE HOSPITAL AGREES TO ACCEPT FROM THE BIRTHING CENTER SUCH
6 CASES AS MAY NEED TO BE REFERRED FROM THE BIRTHING CENTER; TO
7 REQUIRE LICENSED BIRTHING CENTERS TO ESTABLISH A WRITTEN TRANSFER
8 PLAN THAT INVOLVES APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF CARE WHEN CLIENT
9 CONDITIONS REQUIRE IT, AND TO PERIODICALLY PROVIDE A LOCAL
10 HOSPITAL WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS OPERATIONS AND PATIENT
11 POPULATION SERVED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-77-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 41-77-7. * * * A licensed birthing center shall establish a
16 written transfer plan that involves appropriate levels of care
17 when client conditions require it, and must periodically provide a
18 local hospital with written notice of its operations and patient
19 population served.

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

