By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Public Health and Welfare; Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2729 (As Sent to Governor)

- AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST FUND"
 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND
 SERVICES DEFINED IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES; TO PROVIDE THAT
 THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ANY MONIES
 APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED
 PURPOSES.
- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby established in the State
- 9 Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Public
- 10 Health Trust Fund."
- 11 (2) The fund shall consist of any monies appropriated to the
- 12 fund by the Legislature, any donations, gifts and grants from any
- 13 source, and other monies may be received from any other source or
- 14 which may be hereafter provided by law.
- 15 (3) Monies in this fund shall be used only for the purposes
- 16 set forth in Section 41-3-15. Interest earned on the investment
- 17 of monies in the fund shall be returned and deposited to the
- 18 credit of the fund.
- 19 (4) Disbursements of money from the fund shall be on the

20 authorization of the Mississippi State Department of Health with

- 21 oversight from the Mississippi State Board of Health in an amount
- 22 not less than three percent (3%) of the total value of the assets
- and not more than seven percent (7%) of the assets.
- 24 (5) The primary purpose of the fund is to encourage and
- 25 provide financial assistance in the provision of public health
- 26 programs and services as defined in Section 41-3-15.
- 27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 28 and after July 1, 2025.