

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2743

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-57-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW FUNDS COLLECTED FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH, DEATH AND
3 MARRIAGE RECORDS TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS SUCH AS
4 THOSE PERTAINING TO MATERNAL, INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH AND FOR THE
5 COMPLETION OF ALL OTHER VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-57-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 41-57-57. In order to secure records of marriages and births
11 in the several counties in this state from the earliest records
12 down to the present time, the State Board of Health is hereby
13 authorized and empowered to make contract with the circuit clerks
14 or others of this state to compile for the bureau of vital
15 statistics complete lists of marriages in the various counties
16 from the earliest records down to the present time. In order to
17 complete these records by securing records of said marriages in
18 all said counties, the State Board of Health is hereby authorized
19 and empowered to deposit all * * * monies received as fees for
20 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in the State



21 Treasury in a separate account to be used for the completion of
22 the vital statistics on marriages in the various counties, and for
23 clerical expenses and other expenses necessary for completion and
24 issuance of birth records. Said fund shall be paid out for said
25 purposes only on voucher issued for these purposes by the State
26 Board of Health. When said statistics of past marriages in the
27 several counties shall have been completed and paid for, then all
28 of said funds that may remain on hand and all other such funds
29 collected for certified copies of birth, death and marriage
30 records thereafter may be used for the completion of birth
31 records, for public health programs such as those pertaining to
32 maternal, infant and child health, and/or for the completion of
33 all other vital records and statistics.

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

