

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

## SENATE BILL NO. 2746

1       AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CARE  
2 COALITION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND PROPOSE A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING  
3 CANCER-RELATED ISSUES IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP  
4 OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE TASK FORCE SHALL COMPLETE  
5 ITS PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CANCER-RELATED ISSUES IN THE STATE AND  
6 PRESENT THE PLAN, TOGETHER WITH ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION, TO  
7 THE LEGISLATURE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

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

10       SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Mississippi  
11 Comprehensive Cancer Care Coalition (MCCCC) Task Force to develop  
12 and propose a plan for addressing cancer-related issues in the  
13 state, using the following principles to guide the plan's  
14 development:

15               (a) Every person in the state must have an equally  
16 effective chance of receiving appropriate and timely health care  
17 of equal quality;

18               (b) Disparities should be considered for groups that  
19 experience a higher burden of illness, disability or mortality;

(c) Goals must address the cancer control continuum -primary prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship - with a health equity lens;

(d) Measures should be realistic and data driven; and

(e) Goals and objectives are developed in alignment

25 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of  
26 Cancer Prevention and Control and the National Comprehensive  
27 Cancer Network Guidelines.

(2) The task force shall be composed of the following members:

30 (a) Three (3) members of the House of Representatives  
31 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and three (3) members of  
32 the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

33 (b) The Executive Director of the State Department of  
34 Health or his or her designee.

35 (c) The Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid  
36 or his or her designee;

(d) A representative from the Insurance Department;

(c) A representative from the State Board of Pharmacy.

(6) A representative from the Governor's Office.

40 (g) A representative from the Office of Insurance of  
41 the Department of Finance and Administration.

<sup>42</sup> See T. J. Schlesinger, *Central Hurricane Committee: A Mid-Century History* (1965).

43 Medical Center's Cancer Center and Research Institute or his or  
44 his or her wife, children, parents, or  
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45 (i) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Hospital  
46 Association or his or her designee;

47 (j) Two (2) physicians representing the Mississippi  
48 Oncology Society, one (1) of whom specializes in oncology and one  
49 (1) of whom specializes in hematology;

50 (k) A representative from the Mississippi Association  
51 of Health Plans;

52 (1) The Medical Director for Blue Cross & Blue Shield  
53 of Mississippi;

54 (m) A representative from the Pharmaceutical Research  
55 and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) appointed by the Lieutenant  
56 Governor;

57 (n) Three (3) advocacy representatives nominated by the  
58 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), Susan G.  
59 Komen breast cancer organization, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma  
60 Society;

61 (o) Two (2) cancer survivors appointed by the Governor;  
62 and

63 (p) A representative from a hospice provider in the  
64 state appointed by the Speaker of the House.

70 its membership a chair and a vice chair. The vice chair shall  
71 also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all  
72 records of the task force. A majority of the members of the task  
73 force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers  
74 and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative  
75 vote of a majority of the task force shall be required. All  
76 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and those  
77 notices shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date  
78 on which a meeting is to be held.

79 (b) The task force shall meet at least once quarterly,  
80 and shall complete its plan for addressing cancer-related issues  
81 in the state and present the plan, together with any recommended  
82 legislation, to the Legislature not later than December 1, 2025,  
83 at which time the task force will be dissolved.

84 (4) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation  
85 for their service on the task force, but members of the task force  
86 who are not state employees may receive reimbursement for mileage  
87 and actual expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41 to the extent  
88 that funds are available for that purpose.

89 (5) The State Department of Health shall provide the staff  
90 and other support necessary for the task force to perform its  
91 duties.

92 (6) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
93 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
94 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request



95 of the chairman of the task force, provide the facilities,  
96 assistance, information and data needed to enable the task force  
97 to carry out its duties.

98         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
99 and after its passage.

