Adopted AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2275

BY: Senator(s) Johnson, Robinson

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 SECTION 1. From and after passage, the Executive Directors 15 of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Information Technology Services, and the Mississippi State 16 17 Personnel Board shall develop a plan for the implementation of 18 streamlined administration of the services provided by these 19 agencies to increase efficiency in state government. The plan 20 created by each agency shall be submitted to the Lieutenant 21 Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Chairs of the Senate and 22 House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the Senate 23 Government Structures and House Government Affairs Committees, the



- 24 Chairs of the Senate and House Accountability, Efficiency, and
- 25 Transparency Committees, and the Executive Director of the PEER
- 26 Committee no later than November 1, 2025. Each agency's plan
- 27 shall consist of, but not be limited to:
- 28 (a) A proposed organization structure and budget for
- 29 each agency following the streamlined administration of the
- 30 services provided by each agency to include, at a minimum, human
- 31 resources, information technology, payroll, procurement, fleet,
- 32 purchasing, and travel;
- 33 (b) The identification of any positions to be abolished
- 34 or consolidated;
- 35 (c) Recommendations for changes to existing law to make
- 36 the future delivery of services under the authority of these
- 37 agencies more efficient;
- 38 (d) Recommendations for the implementation of shared
- 39 services plans for the administration of administrative support
- 40 services and office space for professional regulatory boards and
- 41 other agencies;
- 42 (e) Recommendations to the Legislature on how each
- 43 agency can provide shared or consolidated services set out in
- 44 paragraph (a) of this section to state agencies, thereby reducing
- 45 or eliminating the need for such agencies to have in-house staff
- 46 responsible for these services;



- 47 (f) Criteria for determining which agencies should
- 48 receive shared or consolidated services are set out in paragraphs
- 49 (d) and (e) of this section; and
- 50 (q) Recommendations for necessary legislation to
- 51 implement the plan.
- 52 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is hereby created the "State Task
- 53 Force for Agency Reorganization." The purpose of the Task Force
- 54 is to develop recommendations to improve governmental operations
- 55 and reduce costs creating a more efficient state government. The
- 56 Task Force shall be composed of the following individuals:
- 57 (a) Two (2) appointees selected by the Governor, each
- of whom shall be a knowledgeable, high-level businessman or
- 59 businesswoman with a leading multifaceted or multiproduct business
- 60 in Mississippi;
- (b) One (1) appointee selected by the Lieutenant
- 62 Governor, who shall be a knowledgeable, high-level businessman or
- 63 businesswoman who is a Chief Executive Officer of a multifaceted
- 64 or multiproduct business in Mississippi;
- (c) One (1) appointee selected by the Speaker of the
- 66 House of Representatives who shall be a knowledgeable, high-level
- 67 businessman or businesswoman who is a Chief Executive Officer of a
- 68 multifaceted or multiproduct business in Mississippi;
- (d) The Chairmen of the Senate Appropriations and the
- 70 appropriate House Appropriations Committees;



- 71 (e) The Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways
- 72 and Means Committees;
- 73 (f) The Chairmen of the Senate Government Structures
- 74 and House Government Affairs Committees; and
- 75 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
- 76 Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.
- 77 (2) The open meetings laws in Section 25-41-1 et seq.,
- 78 Mississippi Code of 1972, and the Mississippi Public Records Act
- 79 of 1983 in Section 25-61-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972,
- 80 shall apply to the Task Force and its activities.
- 81 (3) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Speaker of the
- 82 House may appoint advisory committees to assist the Task Force in
- 83 its study. Each member of the advisory committee shall be an
- 84 individual with special expertise corresponding to particular
- 85 departmental or subject matter areas. Advisory committee members
- 86 shall receive no compensation.
- 87 (4) The Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later
- 88 than January 31, 2026, and organize for business. The Task Force
- 89 shall submit the final report and recommendations to the Governor
- 90 and the Legislature by October 1, 2026, together with the
- 91 necessary legislation to enact those recommendations into law.
- 92 (5) The Task Force shall be located for administrative and
- 93 clerical purposes within the Department of Finance and
- 94 Administration. As soon as practical after it is organized, the
- 95 Task Force shall employ such research staff as deemed necessary

- 96 and as approved by the Department of Finance and Administration,
- 97 subject to appropriation.
- 98 (6) Nonlegislative Task Force members may be paid per diem
- 99 for each day of actual attendance at meetings of the Task Force or
- 100 at meetings of committees thereof. Task force members may be
- 101 compensated for travel expenses. No Task Force member shall be
- 102 paid per diem after the Task Force dissolves.
- 103 (7) The Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive study of
- 104 the organization structure of the executive branch of state
- 105 government and shall issue a report making specific
- 106 recommendations for the Legislature for the reorganization of the
- 107 executive branch of government.
- 108 (8) When the report of the Task Force recommends the
- 109 transfer of an office, agency, department, board or commission to
- 110 another department, the recommendation shall propose the transfer
- 111 or placement of such office, agency, department, board or
- 112 commission in a particular manner and shall also include transfer
- 113 mechanisms to establish the degree to which the agency whose
- 114 transfer is proposed will continue to exercise its functions and
- 115 the degree of independence with which these functions may be
- 116 performed.
- 117 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in
- 118 force from and after its passage. Section 2 of this act shall
- 119 take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.



Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE
- 2 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, AND THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
- 4 PERSONNEL BOARD TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE STREAMLINED
- 5 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SERVICES PERFORMED BY THESE AGENCIES TO BE
- 6 SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2025, WITH
- 7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECESSARY LEGISLATION; TO ESTABLISH AND
- 8 EMPOWER THE "STATE TASK FORCE FOR AGENCY REORGANIZATION"; TO
- 9 PROVIDE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THAT THE TASK
- 10 FORCE MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REORGANIZATION OF STATE
- 11 AGENCIES TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY; AND FOR RELATED
- 12 PURPOSES.