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To: Insurance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2803

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
3 HEALTH INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD TO INCLUDE ONE APPOINTEE OF THE  
4 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND ONE APPOINTEE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHO SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF CONSULTING  
6 EXPERIENCE WITH SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE GROUPS; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 25-15-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:[JMR1]

11 25-15-303. (1) There is created the State and School  
12 Employees Health Insurance Management Board, which shall  
13 administer the State and School Employees Life and Health  
14 Insurance Plan provided for under Section 25-15-3 et seq. The  
15 State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board,  
16 hereafter referred to as the "board," shall also be responsible  
17 for administering all procedures for selecting third-party  
18 administrators provided for in Section 25-15-301.

19 (2) The board shall consist of the following:

20 (a) The Chairman of the Workers' Compensation  
21 Commission;

22 (b) The Commissioner of Insurance;

23 (c) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

24 (d) The State Superintendent of Education;

25 (e) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance  
26 and Administration;

27 (f) Two (2) appointees of the Governor whose terms  
28 shall be concurrent with that of the Governor, one (1) of whom

shall have experience in providing actuarial advice to companies that provide health insurance to large groups and one (1) of whom shall have experience in the day-to-day management and administration of a large self-funded health insurance group;

(g) One appointee of the Lieutenant Governor who shall have at least ten (10) years of consulting experience with self-funded health insurance groups;

(h) One appointee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall have at least (10) years of consulting experience with self-funded health insurance groups;

(i) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee or his designee;

(j) The Chairman of the House of Representatives Insurance Committee or his designee;

(k) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee or his designee; and

(l) The Chairman of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee or his designee.

The legislators, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the board.

The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall be the chairman of the board.

(3) The board shall meet at least monthly and maintain minutes of such meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the authorized voting membership of the board. The board shall have the sole authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the insurance plans and shall be vested with all legal authority necessary and proper to perform this function including, but not limited to:

(a) Defining the scope and coverages provided by the insurance plan;

(b) Seeking proposals for services or insurance through competitive processes where required by law and selecting service providers or insurers under procedures provided for by law; and

(c) Developing and adopting strategic plans and budgets for the insurance plan.

The department shall employ a State Insurance

66 Administrator, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day  
67 management and administration of the insurance plan. The board  
68 shall employ a Deputy State Insurance Administrator who shall be  
69 an actuary and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. The  
70 Deputy State Insurance Administrator shall have experience in  
71 providing actuarial services to companies which provide health  
72 insurance to large groups. The deputy administrator shall receive  
73 a salary set by the board and shall not be subject to the  
74 authority of the State Personnel Board for any purpose. The  
75 Department of Finance and Administration shall provide to the  
76 board on a full-time basis personnel and technical support  
77 necessary and sufficient to effectively and efficiently carry out  
78 the requirements of this section.

79       (4) Members of the board shall not receive any compensation  
80 or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for  
81 under Section 25-3-41, except that the legislators shall receive  
82 per diem and expenses which shall be paid from the contingent  
83 expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as  
84 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in  
85 session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings  
86 of the board shall be paid while the Legislature is in session.

87       SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
88 and after July 1, 2000.