

By: Representative Formby

To: Insurance;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1324
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH
3 INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-15-303. (1) There is created the State and School
8 Employees Health Insurance Management Board, which shall
9 administer the State and School Employees Life and Health
10 Insurance Plan provided for under Section 25-15-3 et seq. The
11 State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board,
12 hereafter referred to as the "board," shall also be responsible
13 for administering all procedures for selecting third-party
14 administrators provided for in Section 25-15-301.

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

16 (a) The Chairman of the Workers' Compensation
17 Commission;

18 (b) The State Personnel Director;

19 (c) The Commissioner of Insurance;

20 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

21 (e) The State Superintendent of Education;

22 (f) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance
23 and Administration;

24 (g) Two (2) appointees of the Governor whose terms
25 shall be concurrent with that of the Governor, one (1) of whom
26 shall have experience in providing actuarial advice to companies
27 that provide health insurance to large groups and one (1) of whom

28 shall have experience in the day-to-day management and
29 administration of a large self-funded health insurance group;

30 (h) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, or
31 his designee;

32 (i) The Chairman of the House of Representatives
33 Insurance Committee, or his designee;

34 (j) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
35 Committee, or his designee; and

36 (k) The Chairman of the House of Representatives
37 Appropriations Committee, or his designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 The department shall employ a State Insurance Administrator,
57 who shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and
58 administration of the insurance plan. The board shall employ a
59 Deputy State Insurance Administrator who shall be an actuary and a
60 member of the American Academy of Actuaries. The Deputy State

61 Insurance Administrator shall have experience in providing
62 actuarial services to companies which provide health insurance to
63 large groups. The deputy administrator shall receive a salary set
64 by the board and shall not be subject to the authority of the
65 State Personnel Board for any purpose. The Department of Finance
66 and Administration shall provide to the board on a full-time basis
67 personnel and technical support necessary and sufficient to
68 effectively and efficiently carry out the requirements of this
69 section.

70 (4) Members of the board shall not receive any compensation
71 or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for
72 under Section 25-3-41 except that the legislators shall receive
73 per diem and expenses which shall be paid from the contingent
74 expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as
75 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in
76 session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings
77 of the board shall be paid while the Legislature is in session.

78 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2005.