

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 560

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

14 SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Child Death Review
15 Panel, whose primary purpose is to foster the reduction of infant
16 and child mortality and morbidity in Mississippi and to improve
17 the health status of infants and children.

18 (2) The Child Death Review Panel shall be composed of
19 fifteen (15) voting members: the State Medical Examiner or his
20 representative, a pathologist on staff at the University of
21 Mississippi Medical Center, an appointee of the Lieutenant
22 Governor, an appointee of the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives, and one (1) representative from each of the
24 following: the State Coroners Association, the state chapter of
25 the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Office of Vital Statistics
26 in the State Department of Health, the Attorney General's Office,
27 the State Sheriff's Association, the Mississippi Police Chiefs
28 Association, the Department of Human Services, the Children's
29 Advocacy Center, the State Chapter of the March of Dimes, the
30 State SIDS Alliance, and Compassionate Friends.

31 (3) The Chairman of the Child Death Review Panel shall be
32 elected annually by the Review Panel membership. The Review Panel
33 shall develop and implement such procedures and policies necessary
34 for its operation, including obtaining and protecting confidential
35 records. The Review Panel shall be assigned to the State
36 Department of Health for administrative purposes only, and the
37 department shall designate staff to assist the Review Panel.

38 (4) The Child Death Review Panel shall submit a report
39 annually to the Chairmen of the House Public Health and Human

40 Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare
41 Committee on or before December 1. The report shall include the
42 numbers, causes and relevant demographic information on child and
43 infant deaths in Mississippi, and appropriate recommendations to
44 the Legislature on how to most effectively direct state resources
45 to decrease infant and child deaths in Mississippi. Data for the
46 Review Panel's review and reporting shall be supplied by the State
47 Medical Examiner's Office. This office shall also be responsible
48 for printing and distributing the annual report(s) on child and
49 infant deaths in Mississippi.

50 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2006, and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2010.

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL, WHOSE PRIMARY
2 PURPOSE IS TO FOSTER THE REDUCTION OF INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY
3 AND MORBIDITY IN MISSISSIPPI AND TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF
4 INFANTS AND CHILDREN; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVIEW PANEL SHALL BE
5 ASSIGNED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
6 PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVIEW PANEL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT
7 ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON
8 CHILD AND INFANT DEATHS IN MISSISSIPPI AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
9 TO MOST EFFECTIVELY DIRECT STATE RESOURCES TO DECREASE INFANT AND
10 CHILD DEATHS IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT DATA FOR THE REVIEW
11 PANEL'S REVIEW AND REPORTING SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE STATE
12 MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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