

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-42-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 2 DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FOR A NURSE  
 3 PRACTITIONER TO BE PRESENT AT EACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR AT  
 4 LEAST ONE DAY EACH WEEK IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PERSONS WITH  
 5 CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES AND PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTRACEPTIVE  
 6 SUPPLIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE RECIPIENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE  
 7 SUPPLIES AND SERVICES AT NO COST OR AT A REDUCED COST ON A SLIDING  
 8 FEE SCALE BASED ON THE INCOME OF THE RECIPIENT; TO AMEND SECTION  
 9 41-42-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING  
 10 PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 41-42-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 11 AUTHORIZE NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO PROVIDE CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES  
 12 AND INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MINORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-42-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 15 amended as follows:

16 41-42-5. (1) The State Board of Health is authorized to  
 17 receive and disburse such funds as may become available to it for  
 18 family planning programs to any organization, public or private,  
 19 engaged in providing contraceptive procedures, supplies, and  
 20 information. Any family planning program administered by the  
 21 board may be developed in consultation and coordination with other  
 22 family planning agencies in this state.



23           (2) The board is \* \* \* authorized to adopt and promulgate  
24 rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter.

25           (3) (a) The board may provide for the dissemination of  
26 medically acceptable contraceptive information and supplies by  
27 duly authorized persons in state and county health and \* \* \* human  
28 services departments and in medical facilities at institutions of  
29 higher learning.

30           (b) The department shall provide for a nurse  
31 practitioner to be present at each county health department for at  
32 least one (1) day each week in order to provide persons with  
33 contraceptive supplies and prescriptions for contraceptive  
34 supplies. The recipient may be eligible for those supplies and  
35 services at no cost or at a reduced cost on a sliding fee scale  
36 based on the income of the recipient.

37           **SECTION 2.** Section 41-42-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
38 amended as follows:

39           41-42-3. For the purposes of this chapter and as used  
40 herein:

41           (a) "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of  
42 Health;

43           (b) "Department" means the State Department of Health;

44           (c) "Nurse practitioner" means a certified nurse  
45 practitioner duly licensed to practice his or her profession in  
46 Mississippi;



47 ( \* \* \*d) "Physician" means any doctor of medicine duly  
48 licensed to practice his or her profession in Mississippi or the  
49 state in which he or she resides and lawfully practicing his  
50 profession;

51 ( \* \* \*e) "Contraceptive procedures" means any  
52 medically accepted procedure designed to prevent conception;

53 ( \* \* \*f) "Contraceptive supplies" means those  
54 medically approved items designed to prevent conception through  
55 chemical, mechanical, or other means.

56 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-42-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
57 amended as follows:

58 41-42-7. Contraceptive supplies and information may be  
59 furnished by physicians and nurse practitioners to any minor who  
60 is a parent, or who is married, or who has the consent of his or  
61 her parent or legal guardian, or who has been referred for such  
62 service by another physician or nurse practitioner, a clergyman, a  
63 family planning clinic, a school or institution of higher  
64 learning, or any agency or instrumentality of this state or any  
65 subdivision thereof.

66 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
67 and after July 1, 2024.

