

By: Representative Hobgood-Wilkes

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1682

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-15-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED  
3 NURSE AIDES (CNAS) FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING; TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM DUTIES OF  
5 THE BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
8 73-15-71, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 73-15-71. (1) From and after July 1, 2024, the  
10 certification of certified nurse aides (CNAs) shall be  
11 administered by the Mississippi Board of Nursing instead of the  
12 State Department of Health. The duties of the board for the  
13 certification process shall include, but not be limited to, the  
14 following:

15 (a) Prescribe the requirements for certification and  
16 recertification of nurse aides;

17 (b) Approve training courses for persons to be eligible  
18 to take the certification examination;



19 (c) Administer the certification examination or  
20 contract with an administrator to develop, schedule, administer,  
21 score and report the results of the certification examination;

22 (d) Issue certifications and renewals of certifications  
23 for nurse aides; and

24 (e) Maintaining the Mississippi certified nurse aide  
25 registry.

26 (2) The Mississippi Board of Nursing is authorized to  
27 promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards as  
28 needed to carry out the provisions of this section.

29 **SECTION 2.** Any position or positions at the State Department  
30 of Health whose duties are substantially involved with the  
31 administration of certification of CNAs shall be transferred to  
32 the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2024.

