

By: Senator(s) Johnson

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2083

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY ROOMS LOCATED ON A HOSPITAL  
2 CAMPUS AND FREESTANDING EMERGENCY ROOMS TO BE STAFFED WITH AN  
3 ON-SITE PHYSICIAN WHO IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY  
4 ROOM AT ALL TIMES THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS OPEN; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) An emergency room located on a hospital  
8 campus and a freestanding emergency room shall be staffed with an  
9 on-site physician who is primarily responsible for the emergency  
10 room at all times that the emergency room is open.

11 (2) For purposes of this act, a "freestanding emergency  
12 room" shall mean a facility open twenty-four (24) hours a day for  
13 the treatment of urgent and emergent medical conditions which is  
14 not located on a hospital campus.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
16 and after July 1, 2024.

