

By: Senator(s) England

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2489

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING AND  
 2 FULL PAYMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
 3 OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS WHO HAVE  
 4 ATTAINED THE AGE OF RETIREMENT UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF  
 5 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS;  
 6 TO ESTABLISH THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE  
 7 PROCEDURES FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE  
 8 TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the  
 11 purpose of studying the funding and full payment of health  
 12 insurance for all certified law enforcement officers, firefighters  
 13 and other first responders who have attained the age of retirement  
 14 under the rules and regulations of the Public Employees Retirement  
 15 System and for any other related purpose.

16 (2) The committee shall be comprised of the following nine  
 17 (9) members:

18 (a) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi Law  
 19 Enforcement Officer's Association;

20 (b) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi  
 21 Sheriff's Association;



22 (c) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi  
23 Association of Chiefs of Police;

24 (d) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi Fire  
25 Chief's Association;

26 (e) The President, or designee, of the Mississippi  
27 Firefighter's Association;

28 (f) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
29 Lieutenant Governor;

30 (g) One member of the House, to be appointed by the  
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

32 (h) One member who is employed by the Department of  
33 Finance and Administration to be appointed by the Governor; and

34 (i) One member who currently serves on the Board of  
35 Trustees for the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System,  
36 appointed by the chairman of the board.

37 (3) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within  
38 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first  
39 meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a  
40 chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be  
41 necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and  
42 keeping records.

43 (4) A majority of the members of the study committee shall  
44 constitute a quorum. The study committee shall develop and report  
45 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before  
46 December 1, 2024. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and



47 reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any  
48 other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of  
49 a majority of the members present shall be required.

50 (5) The PEER Committee shall provide the staff and other  
51 support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

52 (6) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
53 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
54 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
55 of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities,  
56 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study  
57 committee to carry out its duties.

58 (7) Upon the presentation of its report the study committee  
59 shall be dissolved.

60 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
61 and after its passage.

