

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2729**

**BY: Senator(s) McLendon**

1           **AMEND on line 52 after the word "OB-GYN" by inserting the**  
2 **following:**

3           , Mississippi Psychiatric Association

4           **FURTHER, AMEND on line 90 by striking the words "brought**  
5 **forward" and inserting "amended" in lieu thereof.**

6           **FURTHER, AMEND on line 95 after the words "family physicians"**  
7 **and insert the words ", child psychiatrists"**

8           **FURTHER, AMEND on line 101 after the words "family medicine"**  
9 **and insert the words ", child psychiatry"**

10           **FURTHER, AMEND by inserting the following section as new**  
11 **SECTION 13 on line 391 and renumber the sections that follow**

12           **SECTION \*.** Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
13 amended as follows:



14           37-144-3. (1) The Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship  
15 Program shall be administered by a commission to be known as the  
16 "Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission." The  
17 commission shall be directed by a board composed of the following  
18 members:

19                   (a) Two (2) generalist physicians appointed by and from  
20 the membership of the Mississippi State Medical Association, the  
21 term of which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for  
22 one (1) additional term;

23                   (b) One (1) generalist physician appointed by and from  
24 the membership of each of the following organizations, the term of  
25 which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for one (1)  
26 additional term:

27                           (i) Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians;

28                           (ii) Mississippi Chapter, American College of  
29 Physicians;

30                           (iii) Mississippi Chapter, American Academy of  
31 Pediatrics;

32                           (iv) Mississippi Chapter, American College of  
33 OB-GYN;

34                           (v) \* \* \* Mississippi Psychiatric Association;

35                           ( \* \* \* vi) Mississippi Medical and Surgical  
36 Association;

37                           ( \* \* \* vii) Mississippi Osteopathic Association;



38           (c) Two (2) designees of the Dean of the University of  
39 Mississippi School of Medicine whose terms are at the discretion  
40 of the dean, at least one (1) of whom is a member of the  
41 University of Mississippi School of Medicine Admissions Committee;

42           (d) Two (2) medical students, one (1) of whom shall be  
43 selected yearly through a process developed by the Dean of the  
44 School of Medicine in consultation with the Chairs of the  
45 Departments of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB-GYN and  
46 Pediatrics, and one (1) of whom shall be nominated for a one-year  
47 term by the Mississippi Chapter of the Student National Medical  
48 Association and approved by the Dean of the University of  
49 Mississippi School of Medicine;

50           (e) A member of the Board of Trustees of State  
51 Institutions of Higher Learning;

52           (f) The Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at  
53 the University of Mississippi School of Medicine; and

54           (g) A licensed psychiatrist appointed by the  
55 Mississippi Chapter of the American Psychiatric Association.

56           (2) The premedical advisors from the accredited four-year  
57 colleges and universities in the state and the directors or  
58 designees of the primary care generalist training programs in the  
59 State of Mississippi shall comprise an advisory committee to the  
60 commission to assist the commission in its administration of the  
61 Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program.



62 (3) Vacancies on the commission must be filled in a manner  
63 consistent with the original appointments.

64 (4) All appointments to the commission must be made no later  
65 than September 1, \* \* \* 2024. After the members are appointed,  
66 the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine shall set a date  
67 for the organizational meeting that is mutually acceptable to the  
68 majority of the commission members. The organizational meeting  
69 shall be for the purposes of organizing the commission and  
70 establishing rules for transacting its business. A majority of  
71 the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum at all  
72 commission meetings. An affirmative vote of a majority of the  
73 members present and voting shall be required in the adoption of  
74 rules, reports and in any other actions taken by the commission.  
75 At the organizational meeting, the commission shall elect a chair  
76 and vice chair from the members appointed according to paragraphs  
77 (a) through (d) of subsection (1). The chair shall serve for a  
78 term of two (2) years, upon the expiration of which the vice chair  
79 shall assume the office of chair.

80 (5) After the organizational meeting, the commission shall  
81 hold no less than two (2) meetings annually.

82 (6) The commission may form an executive committee for the  
83 purpose of transacting business that must be conducted before the  
84 next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. All actions  
85 taken by the executive committee must be ratified by the  
86 commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.



87           (7) Members of the commission shall serve without  
88 compensation but may be reimbursed, subject to the availability of  
89 funding, for mileage and actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
90 attending meetings of the commission.

91           (8) Funding for the establishment and continued operation of  
92 the program and commission shall be appropriated out of any money  
93 in the General Fund not already appropriated to the University of  
94 Mississippi Medical Center.

95           **Further, amend the title to conform.**

