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To: Government Structure

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2260

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI HEALTH AND WELFARE  
2 EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE" CREATED TO EXAMINE THE EFFICIENCY OF  
3 CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES, STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY  
4 SERVICES AND ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES  
5 WHICH UNNECESSARILY SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS FOR MISSISSIPPIANS TO  
6 RECEIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON CHANGES TO POLICY AND LAWS  
8 IN MISSISSIPPI WITH A GOAL OF INCREASING STATE GOVERNMENT  
9 EFFICIENCY BY STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND ELIMINATING  
10 DUPLICATE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS; TO SET THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
11 THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO,  
12 INCLUDING PER DIEM AND VOTING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby established the "Mississippi  
15 Health and Welfare Efficiency Task Force" created to examine the  
16 efficiency of certain state agencies, streamline government and  
17 regulatory services and eliminate duplicative requirements and  
18 procedures which unnecessarily slow down the process for  
19 Mississippians to receive government services. The task force  
20 shall develop recommendations to the Legislature on changes to  
21 policy and laws in Mississippi with a goal of increasing state  
22 government efficiency by streamlining government and regulatory  
23 services and eliminating duplicate procedures and requirements.



24 (2) The members of the task force shall be as follows:

25 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Division  
26 of Medicaid, or his or her designee;

27 (b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
28 Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;

29 (c) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of  
30 Child Protective Services, or his or her designee;

31 (d) The State Health Officer of the Mississippi  
32 Department of Health, or his or her designee;

33 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
34 Department of Mental Health, or his or her designee;

35 (f) Three (3) senators appointed by the Lieutenant  
36 Governor;

37 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
38 Department of Rehabilitation Services, or his or her designee;

39 (h) Three (3) representatives appointed by the Speaker  
40 of the House of Representatives;

41 (i) The Attorney General, or his or her designee; and

42 (j) The Governor, or his or her designee.

43 (3) The task force shall meet within forty-five (45) days of  
44 the effective date of this act and shall evaluate the current  
45 data, resources, laws and policies of the State of Mississippi.  
46 Specifically, the task force shall:

47 (a) Examine the efficiency of the state agencies  
48 represented by membership on the task force;



49 (b) Review current laws, regulations, rules and  
50 procedures and provide recommendations regarding how to streamline  
51 government and regulatory services provided by the state agencies  
52 represented by membership on the task force;

53 (c) Provide recommendations on how to eliminate  
54 duplicative requirements and procedures which unnecessarily slow  
55 down the process for Mississippians to receive government and  
56 regulatory services that are provided by the state agencies  
57 represented by membership on the task force; and

58 (d) Discuss any information deemed related and  
59 necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned in paragraphs (a)  
60 through (c) of this subsection.

61 (4) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
62 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
63 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
64 of the task force, provide the facilities, assistance, information  
65 and data needed to enable the task force to carry out its duties.

66 (5) The State Health Officer shall call the first meeting  
67 and shall serve as the chair of the task force. The members of  
68 the task force shall elect a vice chairman, and any other officers  
69 determined to be necessary, from among the members at its first  
70 meeting. The task force shall develop and report its findings and  
71 recommendations to the Mississippi Legislature on or before  
72 December 1, 2026. A majority of the membership shall be required  
73 to approve any final report and recommendation. Meetings of the



74 task force shall be held at the State Capitol; however, if it is  
75 not feasible for the task force to hold an in-person meeting, the  
76 task force may convene utilizing an online meeting platform that  
77 is accessible for viewing by the public.

78 (6) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
79 Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall provide necessary clerical  
80 support for the meetings of the task force and the preparation of  
81 the report.

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

