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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.



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

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

(b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi

Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;

(c) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of
 ective Services, or his or her designee;

(h) Three (3) representatives appointed by the Speaker
use of Representatives;

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

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

(3) The task force shall meet within forty-five (45) days of

the effective date of this act and shall evaluate the current

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.

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.

