

Changes in State Law

Legislative Updates for the 2023 Mississippi Legislative Session

HB 4

Signed 3/23/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To add Tianeptine to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

HB 231

Signed 3/15/23. Effective 7/1/23.

An act to direct the state department of mental health to develop and implement a comprehensive and statewide fentanyl and drug abuse education, prevention and cessation program that is based on scientific data and research.

HB 249

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To extend the date of the repealer on the provision of law excluding from the state service those employees of the state department of health and the department of revenue whose employment is solely related to the MS Medical Cannabis Act.

HB 259

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To extend the date of the repealers on those statutes establishing registration and continuing education requirements for medical radiation technologists, revise the definition of nuclear medicine technologist and enacted into law the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

HB 271

Signed 4/17/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.

An act making an appropriation from the coronavirus state fiscal recovery lost revenue fund to the state department of health for the purpose of funding the health care impact grant program.

HB 280

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

An act to prohibit a foreign government from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding an interest, as defined, in agricultural land within the state of Mississippi.

HB 485

Signed 4/17/23. Effective 7/1/23.

An act to provide a process to collect and preserve sexual assault evidence collection kits.

HB 518

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To revise certain provisions of the covid-19 Mississippi local provider innovation grant program.

HB 522

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To extend the date of the repealer on the Mississippi individual on-site wastewater disposal system law.

HB 540

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To require the department of finance and administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars for certain agencies.

HB 559

Signed 2/20/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To designate the second week of April each year as "the Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi mosquito and West Nile Virus awareness week".

HB 584

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To clarify that the amount specified for care grants under the Mississippi qualified health center grant program is the minimum amount of grants to be issued.

HB 603

Signed 4/21. Effective ON PASSAGE.

An act to bring forward sections 27-103-125, 27-103-139, 27-103-203, 27-103-211, 27-103-213 and 27-103-303, Mississippi code of 1972, which relate to various aspects of the budget process, for the purposes of possible amendment.

HB 698

Signed 4/14/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To ensure just, reasonable and transparent billing for municipal water, wastewater and sewer services.

HB 722

Signed 3/13/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To exclude from the definition of "paraphernalia" under the uniform controlled substances law any materials used or intended for use in testing for the presence of fentanyl or a fentanyl analog in a substance.

HB 768

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To require an agency requesting an exemption from the Mississippi state personnel board oversight to create a written plan describing the justification for requesting an exemption.

HB 995

Signed 4/17/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To revise the evidentiary requirements for rape trials.

HB 1071

Signed 3/22/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To include sixteen substances as schedule I controlled substances because these drugs have no legitimate medical use and have a high potency with great potential to cause harm.

HB 1158

Signed 3/27/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.

To authorize a practitioner to assist a patient in registering for a medical cannabis registry identification card with the department of health after the practitioner has issued a written certification to the patient.

HB 1169

Signed 3/27/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To provide that if any officer or employee of the state or a political subdivision thereof does not pay state income tax by august 15 after such income tax becomes due and payable, the officer or employee may elect to have amount withheld.

HB 1217

Signed 3/13/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To revise the court interpreters program administered by the administrative office of courts.

HB 1318

Signed 4/19/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.

To revise the age of a child that can be dropped off under the "baby drop-off law".

HB 1626

Signed 4/19/23. Effective 7/1/23 (Section 40 ON PASSAGE).

An act making an appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state department of health for the fiscal year 2024.

HB 1643

Signed 4/19/23. Effective 7/1/23.

An act making a reappropriation to the department of finance and administration to reauthorize the expenditure of capital expenses and special funds previously appropriated for construction and/or repair and renovation projects.

SB 2053

Signed 4/13/23. Effective 7/1/23.

An act to create the "deficit prevention act".

SB 2102

Signed 3/21/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To define impending emergency excavation.

SB 2140

Signed 4/11/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To create the national security on state devices and networks act.

SB 2167

Signed 4/17/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.

An act to enact the Mississippi early intervention pilot project act.

SB 2212

Signed 3/16/23. Effective 7/1/23.

To authorize and direct the division of Medicaid to provide up to 12 months of continuous coverage postpartum for any individual who qualifies for Medicaid as a pregnant woman to the extent allowable under federal law.

SB 2282**Signed 3/10/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To delete the automatic repealer on the provision of law that authorizes a pharmacy to sell or distribute certain amounts of pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

SB 2323**Signed 3/30/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.**

To clarify and expand the powers and authority of the boards of trustees of community hospitals.

SB 2336**Signed 3/14/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To except from the definition of the term "paraphernalia" certain testing equipment used to determine whether a controlled substance contains fentanyl or a fentanyl analog.

SB 2371**Signed 4/17/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

An act to create the American Rescue Plan act (ARPA) nurse/allied health workforce development and retention act.

SB 2372**Signed 4/17/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.**

An act to establish the Mississippi hospital sustainability grant program for the purpose of improving and preserving access to hospital care for all Mississippians and in recognition of the challenges incurred by hospitals as a result of the covid-19 pandemic.

SB 2433**Signed 3/8/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To exempt eligible homeowners associations in eligible municipalities from certain utility regulation when providing water to their own residents.

SB 2444**Signed 4/14/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.**

In part, an act to revise the provision of law governing the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

SB 2485**Signed 3/14/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To revise the definition of qualified personnel who provide early intervention services under the early intervention act for infants and toddlers to include individuals who hold a degree in human development and family science.

SB 2512**Signed 4/14/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

An act to authorize counties to directly allocate coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds made available under the American Rescue Plan act of 2021 to any publicly-constituted water or sewer association, district or authority and to municipalities for water and sewer infrastructure projects.

SB 2575**Signed 3/28/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To provide that alternative delivery systems and group health insurance policies, plans or programs regulated by the state of Mississippi shall not deny the state department of health the right to participate as a contract provider.

SB 2613**Signed 4/17/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To extend the date by which an entity providing nonemergency transportation services may continue to provide such services without first receiving a permit from the department of health and to provide that nonemergency transportation providers under contract with a broker providing services for the Division of Medicaid are not required to have a permit from the state department of health under certain circumstances.

SB 2615**Signed 3/21/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To revise certain provisions to authorize contract personnel employed by the state or other government entities to purchase the base plan of the state and school employees' health insurance plan if such person pays the full price.

SB 2623**Signed 3/10/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To create the Mississippi state and school employees' life and health insurance plan task force to study, report and make recommendations regarding such insurance plans.

SB 2750**Signed 3/30/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To establish the automated external defibrillators in public places grant program to be administered by the department of health for the purpose of providing funds to entities to supply AEDS in public places.

SB 2781**Signed 4/19/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

An act to require the Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) to develop, implement and manage a website and a mobile application to coordinate and promote information and services related to pregnancy, childbirth, and care for dependent children for expectant mothers and new parents and for the state department of health to display a prominent link to the website and mobile application on the agency website and at each county health department.

SB 2844**Signed 4/17/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

To revise the duties of the bureau of fleet management.

SB 2853**Signed 4/12/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

An act to require state purchased small unmanned aircraft systems or drones to be manufactured in the United States of America and possess collision avoidance systems.

SB 3052**Signed 4/19/23. Effective 7/1/23.**

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY 2024 reappropriate to certain agencies.

SB 3118**Signed 4/19/23. Effective ON PASSAGE.**

An act making an additional appropriation from the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund to the department of finance and administration bureau of building, grounds, and real property management for allowable capital projects.