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**Legislative Update 2020**

**Legislative Highlights**

HB 1566	Abolishes the Fair Commission and moves the powers of the commission to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.	Rep. Bill Pigott
SB 2328	Increases the bonding amount and the amount of monies available for the Emerging Crops Fund.	Sen. Chuck Younger
HB 940	Authorizes an officer, branch manager, or designee of a financial institution to delay the completion of a transaction if it is believed in good faith that completion would result in exploitation of an eligible person.	Rep. Hank Zuber
HCR 47	Provides that in a general election, the person receiving a majority of votes for Governor/statewide elected officials shall be declared elected; if no person receive a majority, then there will be a runoff.	Rep. Jim Beckett
HB 1	Provides a \$19M deficit to fully fund teacher pay raise from 2019 Session.	Rep. Richard Bennett
SB 2511	Revises licensure law to prevent the lack of a 21 ACT score from being a block to licensure, provided the teacher has a 3.0 GPA in college coursework.	Sen. Dennis DeBar



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SB 2594	Extends the repealer on the program providing vouchers for special needs children to attend schools specifically designed to address their special need.	Sen. Dennis DeBar
HB 1371	Implements certain changes to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Driver Services, including requiring the continuance of the "wait anywhere appointment" option and email/text notification systems. Allows DPS to recognize license testing completed through secondary educational training programs; requires DPS to authorize third parties to administer commercial drivers' licenses; and implements a \$10 discount for any individual who waits in excess to 2.5 hours to be serviced at any driver services location.	Rep. Charles Busby
SB 2764	Allows any resident with a health condition/disability which impairs the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement the ability to receive a decal for the applicant's license plate/front windshield to assist law enforcement officers in recognizing the disability/condition prior to communication.	Sen. Nicole Boyd
HB 1156	Authorizes electronic notary in Mississippi to be administered by Secretary of State's Office by issuing unique ID numbers.	Rep. Shane Aguirre



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SB 3049	Limits liability for COVID-19 related claims for healthcare facilities, schools, nonprofits, and other businesses that acted in good faith in attempting to follow CDC/Health Department guidance.	Sen. Sally Doty
SB 2850	Revises statutes governing estates and trusts will update statutory language and processes to provide clarity and ease of use for Mississippians.	Sen. Sally Doty
SB 2851	Reorganizes nonprobate transfers, ancillary and foreign administration, abatement, disclaimer of property interests, and revocation of probate and nonprobate transfers following divorce.	Sen. Sally Doty
HB 1295	"Life Equality Act": prohibits abortion based on sex, race, or genetic abnormality of the child.	Rep. Carolyn Crawford
SB 2009	"Carly's Law": automatically prohibits future contact by a sex offender with the victim unless otherwise ordered by the Court.	Sen. Kevin Blackwell
SB 2658	Revise penalties for abuse of domesticated dogs/cats to include misdemeanor punishment for simple cruelty and felony punishment for aggravated cruelty.	Sen. Angela Hill



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HB 827	Abolishes the Commission on Marine Resources.	Rep. Timmy Ladner
SB 2610	Creates the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility, who will perform a complete review of the mental health system to determine whether services are adequate. Where services are inadequate, new procedures are put in place to rectify inadequacies.	Sen. Hob Bryan
SB 2117	Revises provisions applicable to occupational licenses for applicants that are members of the military/family members (spouses/dependents).	Sen. Chuck Younger
HB 1500	Allows the Board of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training to consider military training when issuing certificates for law enforcement officers.	Rep. Jill Ford
SB 2723	Allows the Wildlife Commission to extend certain seasons when they end on a Friday until sunset on Sunday.	Sen. Walter Michel
SB 2563	Requires recipients of grants or loans from MDA to report certain information annually/publicly including job creation.	Sen. David Parker
SB 2564	Reorganizes the State Workforce Investment Board to reduce the number of board members from 45 members to 31 members, and create a workforce "czar" to coordinate workforce development efforts across the state. Require the Board to be more business focused, and to include small business representation.	Sen. David Parker
SB 3051	Freezes the general experience unemployment insurance rate for employers for 2021.	Sen. David Parker



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## 'FY 21 Budget Highlights

- “ **Most agencies cut 5% or more (COVID loss of revenue)**
- “ **1.6% cut for education**
- “ **Bond projects for: Reunion Parkway Project (\$5M); Ridgeland City Hall Renovation (\$750,000); Madison Performing Arts Center & City Hall Construction (\$750,000); Flood Prevention/Canton (\$250,000)**



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## Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag



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## Coronavirus Relief Fund Appropriation

Proposed Program	Appropriation	Description	Author
Small Business Grant Program	\$300,000,000	Provided certain vanity businesses, like salons and barber shops, with a \$2,000 stipend for business interruption (\$60M program). Created a grant program for small businesses to claim up to \$25,000 in expenses for business interruption (\$240M program).	Sen. Briggs Hopson
Governor's Discretionary Fund	\$50,000,000		Sen. Briggs Hopson
Broadband Access	\$75,000,000	Provided \$65M to co-ops to build out broadband infrastructure at 100x100 speed, and \$10M to other providers at a lower speed. Applications have been awarded to 19 providers.	Sen. Joel Carter
Healthcare	\$129,725,000	Provided \$80M to hospitals, and other funding to the community mental health centers, clinics (including dentists), ambulatory services nonprofits, food banks, and childcare centers.	Rep. Sam Mims
MEMA	\$40,000,000	Provided funds for PPE and warehouse to safely and securely store PPE.	Rep. John Read
Cities/Counties	\$70,000,000	Provided MEMA with \$35M for counties and \$35M for cities for reimbursement for PPE, disinfectant and other expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19.	Sen. Angela Hill/ Rep. Larry Byrd



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Corrections	\$20,000,000	Provided \$20M for PPE, disinfectant, and other items necessary to ensure corrections facilities are safe.	Rep. John Read
Tourism	\$15,000,000	Provided \$15M to tourism marketing areas across the state for PPE, disinfectant, and new marketing related to safely reopening tourism.	Rep. Becky Currie
K-12 Distance Learning	\$150,000,000	Provided \$129,700,000 to schools based on average daily membership for devices/safe classroom instruction. \$300,000 for MDE's computer system. \$20M will be awarded to districts based on need.	Sen. Dennis DeBar/ Rep. Richard Bennett
K-12 Connectivity	\$50,000,000	Provided \$50M to school districts in unserved areas for Internet connectivity; awarded by the department, and can go to private schools.	Rep. Scott Bounds
Universities	\$50,000,000	Provided \$50M to universities for PPE, disinfectant, distance learning technology, and other necessities to reopen schools/for virtual learning.	Rep. Donnie Scoggin
Community and Junior Colleges	\$50,000,000	Provided \$50M to community and junior colleges for PPE, disinfectant, distance learning technology, and other necessities to reopen schools and provided for virtual learning.	Rep. Donnie Scoggin
Private Schools and Colleges	\$10,000,000	Provided \$10M for private schools and private colleges and universities for PPE, disinfectant, and other necessities for reopening schools.	Rep. Donnie Scoggin



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Workforce Development	\$55,000,000	Provided equal amounts to each of the four workforce areas and community and junior colleges across the state to increase training for those unemployed or underemployed because of COVID-19.	Rep. Donnie Bell
Elections	\$1,000,000	Provided \$1M for PPE, disinfectant, and additional pollworkers for upcoming elections.	Rep. Jim Beckett
Courts/Judiciary	\$2,500,000	Provided \$2.5 million for PPE, disinfectant, electronic records, and other items necessary to reopen the judiciary. Some of the county money will go toward county buildings/courts.	Rep. John Read
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$181,775,000	Provided to shore up the unemployment trust fund. Fail safe exists in every other bill, and money that is not spent will revert to the fund on December 31, 2020, the deadline to spend Coronavirus Relief Funds.	Rep. Donnie Bell/ Rep. Jason White



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### Future Study Groups

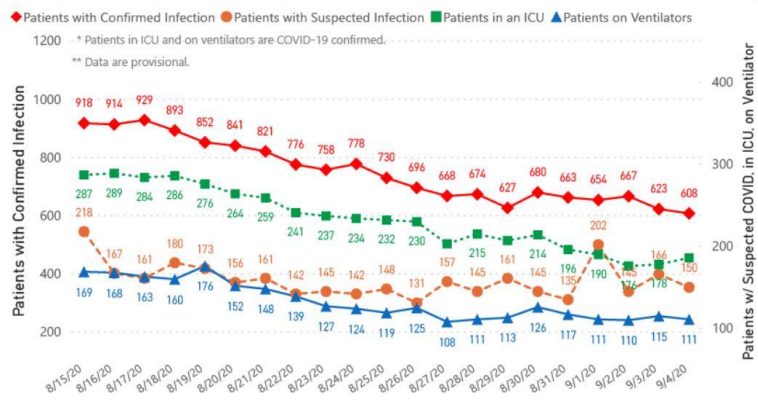
- “ Improving State Parks
- “ Year-Round School
- “ Dual Enrollment Courses
- “ Economic Development Tax Incentives (M-Flex Proposal)
- “ Corrections Reform
- “ Mobile Sports Betting



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### COVID-19 Update

**COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 8/15/20 - 9/4/20 \* \*\***



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## COVID-19 Update

- “ **Total cases: 87,379**
- “ **Total deaths: 2,585**
- “ **Active outbreaks in long-term care facilities: 150**
- “ **COVID-19 Hotline: 1-877-978-6453**



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# Questions?



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