
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DATE 12/28/00
CC: FILE

Per our discussion of Kim Long's concern that childcare providers were not represented on the Board of Health, but the Board and the Department are licensing child care facilities, I pulled the statute for the composition of the Board of Health.

MISS. CODE ANN. Section 41-3-1 (1971) provides for the Board to consist of thirteen members. Two shall be from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1980, and three shall be from the state at large. The only professional or experience requirement for members is that they be engaged professionally in rendering health services or that they be consumers of health services who have no financial interest in any provider.

Based on a review of board members listed in the Secretary of State's *Official and Statistical Register*, four members' terms will expire in 2002, so this administration would have the opportunity to place a child care provider on the board at that time or we could consider introducing legislation to amend the statute to provide for at least one member to represent child care providers.