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Governor Musgrove Signs Medical Malpractice Act

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed Senate Bill 2628, establishing the Medical Malpractice Insurance Availability Plan to help ensure malpractice coverage for health care providers and health care facilities in the state.

"This plan gives our health care providers the chance to focus on practicing medicine, rather than focus on how they're going to pay their insurance bills," said Musgrove. "It's good for health care in Mississippi."

Musgrove proposed the plan last fall during the special session he called to address medical malpractice reform. The Legislature took no action then, but called on Insurance Commissioner George Dale to study the feasibility of the plan.

"The foundation of the health care system in Mississippi will be strengthened through this plan, and the beneficiaries will be the people served by the system," Musgrove said.

Participants will provide the funding for the plan, which will be administered by the Tort Claims Board.

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