

By: Senator(s) Younger

To: Energy

SENATE BILL NO. 2861
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE
2 CHARGES STUDY COMMITTEE" FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING ALL EMERGENCY
3 TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
4 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE COLLECTION, DISTRIBUTION, USE
5 AND OVERSIGHT OF SUCH CHARGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created a study committee to
8 be known as the "Mississippi Emergency Telephone Service Charges
9 Study Committee" for the purpose of studying all emergency
10 telephone service charges levied in the State of Mississippi,
11 including, but not limited to, the collection, distribution, use
12 and oversight of such charges.

13 (2) The committee shall be composed of the following seven
14 (7) members:

15 (a) The Chairman of the Energy Committee of the Senate;

16 (b) The Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee of
17 the House of Representatives;

18 (c) One (1) member of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;



20 (d) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the
21 Lieutenant Governor;

22 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
23 Supervisors Association;

24 (f) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi E911
25 Coordinators Organization; and

26 (g) One (1) member from the telecommunications industry
27 appointed by the Governor.

28 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
29 the sine die adjournment of the 2017 Regular Session, and within
30 thirty (30) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by
31 the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor, the
32 committee shall meet and organize by selecting from its membership
33 a chair and a vice chair. The vice chair shall also serve as
34 secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all records of the
35 committee. A majority of the members of the committee shall
36 constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers and the
37 adoption of rules and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority
38 of the committee shall be required. All members shall be notified
39 in writing, by mail or e-mail, at least fifteen (15) days before
40 the date on which a meeting is to be held.

41 (4) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
42 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
43 state or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request
44 of the chair of the committee, provide such facilities, assistance



45 and data as will enable the committee to properly carry out its
46 duties.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2017.

