

MEC Legislative Priorities

Taxation

- Internet and Remote Software Sales Tax. Create a fair tax system of remote software, software services and data, so that only tangible personal property located in Mississippi is taxed.

Healthcare

- Strengthen financial viability for Mississippi hospitals and develop workforce strategies to address the challenges hospitals face in several staff areas.
- Oppose changes to prescription dispensing fees that create added cost on drugs needed by hard-working Mississippians, and protect a company's right to negotiate private contracts.
- Women & Children (Postpartum Extension). Extending the amount of time a mother is eligible for Medicaid postpartum care will create better health outcomes.

Transportation Funding

- ERBRF – Continue annually funding of the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund at a minimum of \$100 million annually.
- MDOT – Supports continuation of \$40 million fund for matching federal dollars, while continuing to focus on creating long-term sustainable funding source for infrastructure.

Workforce Development

- Continuation and Expansion of Career Coaching program to make the program permanent and provide funding for all schools in Mississippi.
- Funding for operation of Office of Workforce Development. Ensure funding is in place to support the operations of Accelerate, while increasing the availability of training dollars.

Student Financial Aid

- Provide changes to state financial aid programs to allow part-time and non-traditional students access to financial aid and increase funding to include more students in the program.

Initiative & Referendum

- Develop a reasonable approach for Mississippi's electorate to have a process to make statutory changes to Mississippi laws.