By: Senator(s) Parker, Butler (36th)

To: Economic and Workforce Development

## SENATE BILL NO. 2595

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-153-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REPEALER ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE ACT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, 5 OR ON THE DATE OF THE FUND EXPENDITURE DEADLINE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH 7 GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL CERTIFY, FOR ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH A GRANT IS AWARDED, THAT IF THE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 8 9 2026, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DOES NOT ENACT AN EXTENSION 10 OF THE DEADLINE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ARPA FUNDS, THEN THE GRANT RECIPIENT WILL COMPLETE THE PROJECT THROUGH OTHER FUNDS; AND FOR 11 12 RELATED PURPOSES. 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 14 SECTION 1. Section 37-153-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 15 amended as follows: 16 37-153-63. \* \* \* Grant funds shall be available under this act through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund 17 18 expenditure deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs later. Each grant recipient shall certify, for any project 19 for which a grant is awarded, that if the project is not completed 20 21 by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not

enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA

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- 23 funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through
- 24 other funds.
- 25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 26 and after its passage.