

THE 601BLUEPRINT:

BUILDING A BETTER MISSISSIPPI



OVERVIEW

Americans for Prosperity Mississippi's 2025 legislative agenda is designed to address issues facing Mississippians across policies such as health care, foundational education and the economy. Our goal is to provide clear, actionable solutions that benefit all Mississippians. We empower everyday individuals to fully embrace their potential and provide a voice in government through grassroots initiatives. Together we can *build a better Mississippi* where everyone can thrive and realize their American Dream.

We urge legislators and citizens to support these initiatives to drive positive change in Mississippi. With the 601Blueprint we can improve health care, enhance educational opportunities for families and students, and foster economic growth that benefits everyone in our state.

Health Care

Repeal of Certificate of Need (CoN) Laws

Mississippi is one of 35 states requiring health care providers to obtain a Certificate of Need (CoN) from a state board before opening or expanding facilities. Over 100 million Americans live in states without CoN laws, and hundreds of studies have shown that these laws often have a negative effect. If Mississippi were to repeal CoN laws, residents could see significant savings - up to \$400 per year per person through reduced health care costs. Many states are recognizing the need to remove these barriers; for example, South Carolina recently eliminated all CoN laws except in one area. It's time for Mississippi to follow suit, making health care more affordable and accessible, particularly in underserved areas.



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Prevent Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid was never designed to be a primary insurance provider for able-bodied consumers, but rather a temporary solution for individuals and families who need it. Restoring Medicaid to its original intent to serve as a safety net for the truly vulnerable and restructuring of the program to eliminate wasteful spending and protect taxpayers are important reforms. Achieving affordable and accessible health care with a patient centered focus is a priority, however there is no one solution to this crisis and Medicaid expansion would only place additional burdens on an already broken system by adding more individuals to the program at a cost to taxpayers.

Foundational Education

Open Enrollment

Mississippi should ensure that every student has access to any public school, regardless of their home address. Currently, many students are limited by district boundaries that tie educational opportunities to where families can afford to live. We propose ending these restrictions to allow families to choose the best public school for their children.

Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)

Every Child learns differently, and individual students have unique needs that determine their best learning environment. We believe in individuality and opportunities rather than zip codes or income levels to determine where or how each student learns.



ESAs provide a flexible option for families to allow every family to pursue a quality education.



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The Economy

Eliminate Income Tax

Mississippi has an opportunity to make meaningful, comprehensive tax reforms that will address many of the shortcomings in our current tax code that prevent individuals, families, and businesses from realizing their full potential. By reducing spending and thoughtfully phasing out the state's personal income tax, we can make Mississippi more competitive, putting more money back in the pockets of families and spurring economic growth.

Public Employees Retirement System

Adjustments to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is essential to ensure its long-term sustainability while protecting the benefits of public employees. Thoughtful adjustments to PERS will provide financial security for current and future retirees while maintaining the system's integrity and viability. These changes are crucial for balancing the needs of retirees with the broader economic goals of the state.



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