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2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- **After an on-again, off-again session in 2020, the Legislature was back to normal operations in 2021**
 - **Generally, a quiet session for airport issues**

SB 2809

- Extends repealer/sunset of Mississippi Public Records Act to July 1, 2024

SB 2189

- Authorizes any city or county to offer any Medicare-eligible employee an incentive to elect Medicare over employer-provided health insurance
 - Incentive is limited to the amount the employer would pay to cover the employee under its insurance program

SB 2827

- **Changes requirements for use of construction manager-at-risk form of contracting**
 - **Requires construction manager to solicit bids for construction**
 - **Allows construction manager to pre-qualify eligible bidders**

HB 1197

- **Changes design-build authorization for public construction**
 - Directed at “prescriptive-type” building designs
 - Do not have to use two-stage process
 - Requires competitive process
 - Price must be at least 35% of scoring
 - Selected team must have Mississippi licensed design professional(s) and contractor(s)

SB 2649

- Extends repealer/sunset on §31-7-14 authorizing energy efficiency services contracts to July 1, 2025

SB 2024

- **Excepts “term contracts” from reverse auction requirements**
 - **Term contracts are contracts for purchases of commodities, equipment and construction let up to 60 months in advance**

HB 1323

- Amends Open Meetings Act to allow Executive Session for purposes of discussing strategies for combatting human trafficking

2022 Legislative Session

- Legislature convenes for 90-day session on January 4, 2022
- First deadline for new legislation is early – January 17, 2022
- *Sine die* April 3, 2022

H.R.3684 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- **\$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Act allocates \$25 Billion to airports**
 - **\$15 Billion for “Airport Infrastructure”**
 - **\$500 Million set-aside for non-primary and general aviation airports**
 - **\$5 Billion for “Airport Terminal Program”**
 - **\$5 Billion for ATC Facilities and Equipment**

Mississippi Airport Revitalization Revolving Loan Program

- Revolving Loan Program Administered by Mississippi Development Authority
 - The maximum loan amount has been increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000
 - The fixed interest rate on a loan has been decreased from 3% to 1%

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