

# **Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting**

*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report  
for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022*

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*The licensee of the eight-station public radio network,  
the **Mississippi Authority for Educational Television**,  
has determined that these issues were of importance to the  
citizens of Mississippi during the first quarter of 2022.*

*The following list contains the most significant programming addressing those issues.*

# MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/28/22

Length: 00:01:42

## **Black women urge Mississippi lawmakers to improve equal pay bills**

Advocates for equal pay are urging lawmakers to pass a bill that would bridge the pay gap between black women and white men. They say closing this gap could help to improve the lives of families across the state and foster economic growth.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/02/22

Length: 00:02:14

## **Six Mississippi HBCUs receive bomb threats in wave of violent threats across the U.S.**

In a national wave of recent violent threats to historically Black colleges and universities, six Mississippi HBCUs reported receiving bomb threats on Feb. 1, the first day of Black History Month.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/03/22

Length: 00:05:01

## **Seeking asylum in the U.S. is not easy. It's harder when you speak a rare language**

By the time asylum seekers Moussa and Hammadou were released from detention centers, they had been living in the former private prisons in Mississippi and Louisiana for nearly eight months.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/08/22

Length: 00:01:29

## **House Minority Leader Robert Johnson III remains focused on Democratic policy priorities**

House Minority Leader Robert Johnson III is discussing the democratic policy priorities following the first major deadline in the legislative session.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/03/22

Length: 00:04:28

## **After a wave of HBCU bomb threats, a look at another era of violence at Jackson State**

On the first day of Black History Month, more than a dozen historically Black colleges and universities across the country received bomb threats, inserting a wave of hate into a time meant for reflection and celebration.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/21/22

Length: 00:01:11

## **Mississippians celebrate trans and queer people of color**

Members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community are honoring transgender and queer people of color in Mississippi.

# EDUCATION

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/26/22

Length: 00:04:02

## **Critical race theory divides Gulf South educators, leaders: 'It's not going to change what I do'**

While critical race theory has not been taught in K-12 schools and is reserved for classes in higher education, that has not stopped Alabama state leaders from making it a hot button issue over the past year.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/04/22

Length: 00:01:37

## **House lawmakers pass a bill that would waive college tuition fees for foster students**

Students and youth advocates are hoping lawmakers will pass a bill to create a scholarship program for students in the state's foster care system.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/09/22

Length: 00:04:01

## **Teachers in Puerto Rico protest for better wages and pensions**

It's been about a week since close to three quarters of Puerto Rico's more than 20,000 public school teachers decided not to show up for work.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/22

Length: 00:04:29

## **The pandemic continues to take an enormous toll on school teachers**

Sickness, frustration, fury and burnout - all consequences of the pandemic for America's teachers.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/22/22

Length: 00:03:52

## **5 entire high schools in Chicago get full college scholarships**

The entire student body of five public high schools in Chicago will learn that they are getting a full scholarship to one of 20 colleges — and one of their parents can also get a scholarship.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/15/22

Length: 00:01:44

## **Tate Reeves signs new law restricting how race, identity is taught in Mississippi schools**

Senate Bill 2113, formerly known as 'critical race theory; prohibit,' restricts how race and identity is taught in public schools and colleges in Mississippi. Gov. Tate Reeves signed the bill into law yesterday and marked the occasion with a public video statement.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/18/22

Length: 00:03:02

**This Lebanese university gives senior citizens a chance to go back to school**

The University for Seniors in Beirut, Lebanon, gives older students the chance to remain active and engaged as they age.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/23/22

Length: 00:01:23

**Mississippi educators will receive a pay raise**

House Bill 530, also known as the START Act of 2022, will raise the starting salary of teachers in Mississippi, as well as offer larger step increases based on experience.

# ECONOMY

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 01/13/22  
Length: 00:01:27

## **Mississippi House of Representatives pass bills on income tax and teacher pay**

Two major bills have been passed by the Mississippi House of Representatives: one that could remove the state income tax, and another that would raise teacher pay.

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 02/09/22  
Length: 00:03:56

## **Travel nurse salaries are rising due to demand. Some hospitals say it's price gouging**

Demand for travel nurses has soared.

Program: Morning Edition  
Air Date: 02/17/22  
Length: 00:03:34

## **Infrastructure money makes it a good time to be in the well plugging business**

Across the country, some 2 million abandoned oil and gas wells are leaking methane, a potent climate-warming gas.

Program: All Things Considered  
Air Date: 03/04/22  
Length: 00:03:55

## **The U.S. added 678,000 jobs in February. It's another sign of a hot labor market**

The unemployment rate fell to 3.8% last month, from 4% in January. Job gains for December and January were also revised up by a total of 92,000 jobs

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 03/16/22  
Length: 00:01:25

## **Mississippi House lawmakers discuss changes made to income tax plan**

Mississippi's House of Representatives have shifted their tax relief plans in an effort to find common ground with the Senate, but some lawmakers are concerned about the concessions being made.

Program: Morning Edition  
Air Date: 03/18/22  
Length: 00:03:47

## **The days of borrowing money for next to nothing are coming to an end**

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates for the first time since 2018.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/29/22

Length: 00:01:24

**Program that covers health costs for uninsured Mississippi coronavirus patients ends**

A federal program that covers the medical costs of coronavirus testing and treatment for uninsured Mississippians has ended. Health officials say this could have consequences if cases surge again.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/31/22

Length: 00:03:33

**Record-high gas prices are cutting into Gulf South drivers' budgets. Here's how they're coping**

Gas prices in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi might be cheaper than they are in other parts of the U.S., but the effects of the recent record-setting surge in fuel costs can still be felt by many drivers across the Gulf Coast.

# **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/05/22

Length: 00:00:59

## **Gov. Tate Reeves appoints new parole board chairman**

Mississippi Gulf Coast native Jeffery Belk was appointed on the first day of 2022 to lead the parole board.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/21/22

Length: 00:01:42

## **Mississippi House passes equal pay bill**

Mississippi lawmakers have taken the first step towards passing a state-level equal pay law. But experts say the bill has a major flaw that could undermine the legislation.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/26/22

Length: 00:01:40

## **Taxes and Prisons Centered in Reeves' State of the State Address**

On the steps of the Capitol, Gov. Tate Reeves addressed lawmakers and Mississippi residents on what he's proud of in the state—and what he hopes to accomplish.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/01/22

Length: 00:01:39

## **Advocates push for expanding definition of a hate crime in Mississippi law**

Human rights advocates are urging Mississippi lawmakers to expand the state's hate crime laws.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/02/22

Length: 00:01:48

## **Senate lawmakers announce tax relief package**

Many conservative lawmakers in Mississippi have committed to reducing taxes this legislative session, and a new plan from the state senate would cut revenue by more than \$400 million.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/17/22

Length: 00:01:30

## **Mississippi lawmakers find common ground for teacher pay raise**

Members of Mississippi's House and Senate have found common ground for a bill that will raise teacher pay in the state. Lawmakers say it will offer an average wage increase of more than \$5,000.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/21/22

Length: 00:06:56

**What Ketanji Brown Jackson can expect to hear from Republicans this week**

Half of Mississippi's 82 counties are now under a mask mandate, as coronavirus cases surge. But medical experts are calling on the governor to reinstate a statewide mask mandate.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/30/22

Length: 00:01:44

**Mississippi lawmakers pass bills redrawing district lines**

Legislative redistricting maps have been passed by the Mississippi legislature to redraw the state's political lines. Population shifts required major changes to districts throughout the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/31/22

Length: 00:01:31

**Women's rights advocates say Mississippi Equal Pay bill could hurt the state's gender wage gap**

Mississippi lawmakers have passed an equal pay bill to close the gender wage gap in the state. But advocates for women's rights say the law will do more harm than good.



# HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/19/22

Length: 00:01:26

## **Long-term care facilities strained by staffing shortages in Mississippi**

There are nearly 300 outbreaks in Mississippi's long-term care facilities, where staffing shortages are causing additional strain.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/07/22

Length: 00:01:25

## **Health officials monitor new version of the omicron coronavirus variant in Mississippi**

Coronavirus transmission in Mississippi has begun to decline, however health officials warn that community transmission is still extremely prevalent in the state. And they are monitoring a new version of the omicron variant.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/14/22

Length: 00:04:21

## **Confused about how worried to be about the pandemic? You're not alone**

The omicron surge is declining fast in the U.S. One state after another is lifting their mask mandates.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/14/22

Length: 00:07:50

## **What it means for sports fans' mental health when their team loses**

NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with Greg Miller, a licensed professional counselor with Thriveworks in New Jersey, about the real emotional toll that can come from sports fandom.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/15/22

Length: 00:01:29

## **Pediatricians say rise in MIS-C cases could follow decline in coronavirus cases**

Pediatricians say cases of a disease caused by the coronavirus could begin to rise soon and are urging parents to get their children vaccinated.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/08/22

Length: 00:06:45

## **Delaware is shrinking racial gaps in cancer death. Its secret? Patient navigators**

Delaware's approach to cancer care stands out in the U.S.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/09/22

Length: 00:01:34

**Mississippi legislature offers lifeline for telemedicine in the state**

The fate of Mississippi's telemedicine programs rests in the hands of the state legislature. The number of Mississippians relying on telemedicine increased by more than 2,000% during the pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/22/22

Length: 00:01:38

**Mississippi independent pharmacists raise concern about hidden industry fees**

Mississippi pharmacists are expressing concerns about industry practices that can cost them thousands of dollars.

# **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/03/22

Length: 00:01:33

## **Calls about children with multiple mental health disorders rising in Mississippi**

The number of children in Mississippi suffering from multiple mental health disorders has risen throughout the pandemic, and experts are assessing how the state can meet this demand.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/18/22

Length: 00:01:37

## **Pediatric coronavirus cases continue to rise in Mississippi**

Coronavirus transmission in Mississippi is highest among young, unvaccinated residents and cases are rising among children.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/01/22

Length: 00:03:49

## **Schools scramble to feed kids as supply chain issues persist**

Supply chain disruptions have upended school nutrition programs.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/08/22

Length: 00:03:15

## **Families of kids continuing to learn remotely are cut off from P-EBT food**

### **Program**

Updated federal guidance means many low-income families that want their children to keep learning remotely are losing access to a school program that helped them pay for meals.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/15/22

Length: 00:04:55

## **A priest is helping Philippine families cremate and honor drug war victims at no cost**

Since launching in April 2021, the project has exhumed and cremated over 50 bodies, at no cost to the participating families.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/18/22

Length: 00:01:45

## **Early learning collaboratives could help address labor shortages in Mississippi**

Educators and workforce development experts are examining how pre-k education can benefit children and parents in Mississippi. And they say expanding access to child care can help address the state's labor shortage..

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/30/22

Length: 00:04:16

**As Gulf South lawmakers fight over Medicaid, new moms weigh in: 'Safety nets do save lives'**

Tens of thousands of new mothers in Mississippi and Alabama could suddenly lose their health care coverage unless state legislators take action in the coming days.

# ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/13/22

Length: 00:03:45

## **Mississippi wants more tech jobs. Here's what it can learn from Alabama's tech success**

Many states rely on tech jobs to boost their economy. Yet, it's easy to think tech has already passed Mississippi and Louisiana.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/15/22

Length: 00:03:54

## **Ocean water along U.S. coasts will rise about one foot by 2050, scientists warn**

Sea levels along coastlines in the United States will rise about one foot by 2050, with larger increases on the East and Gulf coasts, according to a comprehensive new report by federal climate scientists.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/28/22

Length: 00:04:26

## **Some effects of climate change are irreversible, but there's still hope**

Some impacts of climate change are now irreversible, and countries around the world are not doing enough to protect billions of people from the consequences.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 03/20/22

Length: 00:04:22

## **Space junk could get in the way of satellites being used in the Russia-Ukraine war**

Up in space, there's a growing trash problem. Bits of junk from broken satellites and used rockets known as orbital debris are hurtling at enormous speeds and threatening working satellites in their path.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/23/22

Length: 00:06:07

## **This school wasn't built for the new climate reality. Yours may not be either**

Almost 1 in 5 U.S. students attended schools in districts that were affected by federally-declared natural disasters from 2017 through 2019.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/28/22

Length: 00:04:19

## **The TV network Black News Channel goes off the air after 2 years**

When the TV network Black News Channel launched two years ago, its journalists hoped to cover stories in a new way.