

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 600

1 AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH
2 THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES MAY AWARD TO NONRESIDENTS
3 OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year,
6 the maximum number of athletic scholarships which may be awarded
7 by all public community and junior colleges to students who are
8 residents of a state other than Mississippi or a territory of the
9 United States shall be equal to the total number of athletic
10 scholarships awarded for the preceding academic year to
11 Mississippi residents by all public community and junior colleges
12 in that state or territory.

13 (2) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall
14 develop a program for ascertaining the number of scholarships
15 awarded by the public community and junior colleges in a specific
16 state or territory during the preceding academic year in order to
17 determine the number of scholarships available to residents of
18 that state or territory at the public community and junior
19 colleges in Mississippi. Before offering a scholarship to a
20 nonresident of Mississippi, a public community or junior college
21 must contact the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to
22 verify that the maximum number of scholarships, if any, which may
23 be awarded to residents of the nonresident's particular state or
24 territory has not been achieved. A scholarship may not be offered
25 to a nonresident by a public community or junior college absent
26 authorization from the State Board for Community and Junior

27 Colleges. Such authorization shall be granted by the State Board
28 for Community and Junior Colleges in the order that requests are
29 received from community and junior colleges until the maximum
30 number of scholarships available to students from a particular
31 state or territory has been awarded. After the maximum number of
32 scholarships has been awarded, a public community or junior
33 college in Mississippi may not offer an athletic scholarship to a
34 student from that particular state or territory.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 1999.