

By: Representatives Franks, Walker, McCoy

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1448
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-60-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO RESTORE THE FEE ASSESSED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI PROPRIETARY
3 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION LAW WHICH IS BASED ON THE
4 APPLICANT SCHOOL'S GROSS ANNUAL TUITION INCOME; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 75-60-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 75-60-15. (1) The initial application fee shall be Five
10 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), which shall accompany each application
11 for certificate of registration, and the renewal fee shall be Two
12 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). There shall be an additional
13 initial fee based upon the applicant school's gross tuition income
14 collected during the first year after registration, according to
15 the following schedule:

16 GROSS ANNUAL TUITION INCOME FEE

17 0 - \$1,249,999.00..... 2/10 OF 1%

18 \$1,250,000.00 or above..... 1/10 of 1%

19 The additional fee shall be paid within thirty (30) days
20 after the end of the year. There shall be an additional annual
21 renewal fee based upon the school's gross tuition income collected
22 during the previous license year, according to the same schedule,
23 which shall accompany the school's application for renewal. The
24 additional and renewal fees are each subject to a maximum fee of
25 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and a minimum fee of Fifty
26 Dollars (\$50.00).

27 (2) If a renewal fee is not paid at least thirty (30) days

28 prior to the expiration of a school's certificate of registration,
29 in addition to the renewal fee, there shall be a delinquent fee of
30 one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) of such school's gross
31 tuition revenues collected during the previous registration year,
32 with a maximum fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
33 (\$2,500.00) and a minimum fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
34 The reinstatement registration fee for a suspended school shall be
35 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). No portion of any license fee
36 shall be subject to refund.

37 (3) A certificate of registration shall be issued or denied
38 within sixty (60) days after receipt of the application by the
39 commission.

40 (4) No new program of study shall be offered by any school
41 holding a certificate of registration until it is registered with
42 and approved by the commission in accordance with procedures which
43 shall be established by the commission. After such course is
44 registered in accordance with the approval procedures provided for
45 herein, it shall be included as a part of any renewal of a
46 certificate of registration. Each application for the original
47 registration of a new course shall be accompanied by a fee of One
48 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

49 (5) A certificate of registration shall be valid only for
50 the school and courses for which it is issued and shall not
51 include other schools or additional locations of a school unless
52 each such additional location: (a) offers only courses which are
53 identical to courses offered at the registered location; and (b)
54 is under the same ownership, management and control as that of the
55 registered location except as may be provided otherwise in this
56 section. Such additional locations meeting such requirements
57 shall be identified as "annexes" on a certificate application.
58 Gross tuition revenues for the registered location and all annexes
59 shall be combined for the purpose of determining fees payable
60 under this section.

61 (6) The fee submitted with the application is not returnable
62 to the applicant, even though a certificate of registration is not
63 issued.

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