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To: Universities and
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Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HELPING OUTSTANDING PUPILS
2 EDUCATIONALLY (HOPE) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR POSTSECONDARY
3 STUDENTS IN MISSISSIPPI; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THE ACT;
4 TO DESCRIBE CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR HOPE
5 SCHOLARSHIPS; TO PRESCRIBE THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS AT
7 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND COMMUNITY
8 AND JUNIOR COLLEGES IN MISSISSIPPI; TO ESTABLISH A HOPE GED
9 VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OBTAINING THEIR GED; TO ESTABLISH THE
10 HOPE TEACHER'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS AGREEING TO TEACH
11 IN A CRITICAL SHORTAGE FIELD; TO DESCRIBE THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE
12 INELIGIBLE FOR THE HOPE TEACHER'S SCHOLARSHIP; TO SPECIFY THAT
13 HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE APPLIED ONLY TO TUITION AND FEES NOT
14 COVERED BY A FEDERAL GRANT; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI
15 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD TO PROMULGATE
16 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE HOPE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
17 PURPOSES.

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

19 SECTION 1. The following words and phrases shall have the
20 meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly
21 indicates otherwise:

22 (a) "Academic year" means a period of time, typically
23 nine (9) months, in which a full-time student is expected to
24 complete the equivalent of at least two (2) semesters academic
25 work.

26 (b) "Advanced degree" means a master's degree,
27 specialist's degree or doctorate in education conferred by an
28 approved institution of higher learning upon completion of a

29 unified program of study at the graduate level.

30 (c) "Approved teacher education program" means a
31 program offered by a public or private institution of higher
32 learning, which program has been approved by the Commission on
33 Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure
34 and Development.

35 (d) "Certificate" or "diploma" means a credential,
36 other than a degree, indicating satisfactory completion of
37 training in a program of study offered by a eligible public
38 institution of higher learning.

39 (e) "Critical shortage field" means an area of study or
40 an area of specialized expertise for which a shortage of qualified
41 teachers or educators exists in Mississippi, designated as such by
42 the State Board of Education.

43 (f) "Eligible high school" means a public or private
44 secondary school which is:

45 (i) Located in Mississippi and is fully
46 accredited; or

47 (ii) Located in another state and is accredited by
48 one (1) of the following regional agencies:

49 1. The Southern Association of Colleges and
50 Schools;

51 2. The New England Association of Schools and
52 Colleges;

53 3. The Middle States Association of Colleges
54 and Schools;

55 4. The North Central Association of Colleges
56 and Schools;

57 5. The Northwestern Association of Schools
58 and Colleges; or

59 6. The Western Association of Schools and

60 Colleges.

61 (g) "Eligible institution of higher learning" means a
62 school which is:

63 (i) An institution under the supervision of the
64 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

65 (ii) A community or junior college under the State
66 Board for Community and Junior Colleges;

67 (iii) A private institution of higher learning in
68 Mississippi accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and
69 Schools and approved by the Mississippi Commission on College
70 Accreditation.

71 (h) "Freshman student" means a student at an
72 institution of higher learning or a community or junior college
73 who has attempted less than thirty-one (31) semester hours.

74 (i) "Full-time student" means a student attending an
75 institution of higher learning or a community or junior college
76 and enrolled for the equivalent of at least twelve (12) semester
77 hours.

78 (j) "Grade point average" means the numbered grade
79 average calculated using a 4.0 scale.

80 (k) "HOPE scholarship" means a Helping Outstanding
81 Pupils Educationally scholarship for education awarded in
82 accordance with Section 3 or 4 of this act.

83 (l) "HOPE teacher's scholarship" means a Helping
84 Outstanding Pupils Educationally scholarship for education awarded
85 in accordance with Section 6 of this act.

86 (m) "HOPE GED voucher" means a Helping Outstanding
87 Pupils Educationally general educational development (GED)

88 equivalency diploma voucher for postsecondary education awarded in
89 accordance with Section 5 of this act.

90 (n) "Junior student" means a student at an institution
91 of higher learning who has attempted at least sixty-one (61)
92 semester hours but less than ninety-one (91) semester hours.

93 (o) "Mandatory fees" means fees that are charged by a
94 postsecondary institution to every student enrolled in that
95 institution, regardless of the student's program of study.

96 (p) "Matriculated status" means being recognized as a
97 student in a defined program of study leading to a degree, diploma
98 or certificate at an institution of higher learning or a community
99 or junior college.

100 (q) "Semester hours" includes each semester hour
101 attempted, whether remedial or for credit toward a degree, but
102 does not include any semester hour attempted before graduating
103 from high school or earning a general educational development
104 (GED) equivalency diploma.

105 (r) "Senior student" means a student at an institution
106 of higher learning who has attempted at least ninety-one (91)
107 semester hours but less than one hundred twenty-eight (128)
108 semester hours.

109 (s) "Sophomore student" means a student at an
110 institution of higher learning or a community or junior college
111 who has attempted at least thirty-one (31) semester hours but less
112 than sixty-one (61) semester hours.

113 (t) "Title IV" means Title IV of the Higher Education
114 Act of 1965, as amended, 20 USCS Section 1070 et seq.

115 SECTION 2. A student is ineligible for any scholarship

116 described in this act if the student:

117 (a) Is not a United States citizen or a permanent
118 resident alien who meets the definition of an eligible noncitizen
119 under federal Title IV requirements;

120 (b) Has not complied with United States Selective
121 Service System requirements for registration, if such requirements
122 are applicable to the student;

123 (c) Is in default on a federal Title IV educational
124 loan or a State of Mississippi educational loan, except that a
125 student who otherwise is eligible and has repaid fully the
126 defaulted loan is eligible to obtain a scholarship for future
127 academic terms but not retroactively;

128 (d) Owes a refund on a federal Title IV student
129 financial aid program or a Mississippi student financial aid
130 program, except that a student who otherwise is eligible and has
131 paid fully the refund owed is eligible to obtain a scholarship for
132 future academic terms but not retroactively;

133 (e) Has been convicted of a felony offense involving
134 marijuana or a controlled substance;

135 (f) Is incarcerated; or

136 (g) Does not meet each qualification listed in the
137 section relating to the relevant scholarship and applicable to the
138 student.

139 SECTION 3. (1) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, an
140 entering freshman student seeking an associate or baccalaureate
141 degree at an eligible state institution of higher learning or
142 state community or junior college must:

143 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the

144 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
145 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
146 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board,
147 which shall be based upon the in-state tuition law or policy of
148 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

149 (b) Meet achievement standards by:

150 (i) Having graduated from an eligible high school
151 while meeting the curriculum requirements of his or her program of
152 study; or

153 (ii) In the case of a student who is qualified
154 otherwise but:

155 1. Did not graduate from high school or
156 complete a home study program, having received the general
157 educational development (GED) equivalency diploma;

158 2. Completed a home study program in lieu of
159 graduating from an eligible high school, earning a cumulative
160 grade point average of at least 3.0 at an eligible public
161 institution of higher learning or a community or junior college at
162 the end of the semester in which the student has attempted thirty
163 (30) semester hours, provided that such student shall be eligible
164 to receive a retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's
165 freshman year to be paid at the end of the freshman year; or

166 3. Graduated from a high school which is not
167 an eligible high school, earning a cumulative grade point average
168 of at least 3.0 at an eligible public institution of higher
169 learning or a community or junior college at the end of the
170 semester in which the student has attempted thirty (30) semester
171 hours, provided that such student shall be eligible to receive a

172 retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's freshman year to
173 be paid at the end of the freshman year; and

174 (c) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted,
175 enrolled and classified as an undergraduate student in a
176 matriculated status.

177 (2) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a sophomore
178 student seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an
179 eligible state institution of higher learning or a state community
180 or junior college must:

181 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
182 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
183 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
184 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board,
185 which shall be based upon the in-state tuition law or policy of
186 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

187 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following
188 criteria:

189 (i) Earning a cumulative grade point average of at
190 least 3.0 at an institution of higher learning or a community or
191 junior college at the end of the semester in which the student has
192 attempted thirty (30) semester hours; and

193 (ii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress in
194 a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices
195 used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of higher
196 learning or a community or junior college in which the student is
197 enrolled; and

198 (c) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted,
199 enrolled and classified as an undergraduate student in a

200 matriculated status or, in the case of an otherwise eligible
201 student who is classified as a professional level student rather
202 than an undergraduate student, being accepted into the
203 professional level program of study before receiving a
204 baccalaureate degree.

205 (3) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a junior student
206 seeking a baccalaureate degree at a public institution of higher
207 learning must:

208 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
209 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
210 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
211 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board,
212 which shall be based upon the in-state tuition law or policy of
213 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

214 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following
215 criteria:

216 (i) Earning a cumulative grade point average of at
217 least 3.0 at an institution of higher learning or community or
218 junior college at the end of the semester in which the student has
219 attempted sixty (60) semester hours; and

220 (ii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress in
221 a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices
222 used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of higher
223 learning or community or junior college in which the student is
224 enrolled; and

225 (c) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted,
226 enrolled and classified as an undergraduate student in a
227 matriculated status or, in the case of an otherwise eligible

228 student who is classified as a professional level student rather
229 than an undergraduate student, being accepted into the
230 professional level program of study before receiving a
231 baccalaureate degree.

232 (4) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a senior student
233 seeking a baccalaureate degree at a public institution of higher
234 learning must:

235 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
236 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
237 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
238 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board,
239 which shall be based upon the in-state tuition policy or law of
240 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

241 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following
242 criteria:

243 (i) Meeting all achievement standards for HOPE
244 eligibility in his or her junior year;

245 (ii) Earning a cumulative grade point average of
246 at least 3.0 at an institution of higher learning at the end of
247 the semester in which the student has attempted ninety (90)
248 semester hours; and

249 (iii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress
250 in a course of study in accordance with the standards and
251 practices used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of
252 higher learning in which the student is enrolled; and

253 (c) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted,
254 enrolled and classified as an undergraduate student in a
255 matriculated status or, in the case of an otherwise eligible

256 student who is classified as a professional level student rather
257 than an undergraduate student, being accepted into the
258 professional level program of study before receiving a
259 baccalaureate degree.

260 (5) A student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point
261 average of at least 3.0 at the end of the semester in which the
262 student has attempted thirty (30) semester hours may attend the
263 next thirty (30) semester hours without a HOPE scholarship. An
264 otherwise eligible student who regains a cumulative grade point
265 average of at least 3.0 at the end of the semester in which the
266 student has attempted sixty (60) semester hours may requalify for
267 a HOPE scholarship.

268 (6) For students eligible for a HOPE scholarship under this
269 section, no minimum number of hours of enrollment is required.

270 (7) (a) Except as set out in paragraph (b) of this section,
271 a student may receive the HOPE scholarship until the first of
272 these events:

273 (i) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;
274 or

275 (ii) The student has attempted at any institution
276 of higher learning a total of one hundred twenty-seven (127)
277 semester hours.

278 (b) A student enrolled in an undergraduate degree
279 program designed to be more than one hundred twenty-seven (127)
280 semester hours in length is eligible to receive the HOPE
281 scholarship for the lessor of:

282 (i) A total of one hundred fifty (150) attempted
283 semester hours; or

284 (ii) The number of hours required for graduation
285 if the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least
286 3.0 after the term in which the student attempted one hundred
287 twenty-seven (127) semester hours.

288 (8) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature,
289 a HOPE scholarship awarded under this section shall include
290 tuition, approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance not to
291 exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per semester.

292 SECTION 4. (1) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, an
293 entering freshman student seeking an associate or baccalaureate
294 degree at an eligible private institution of higher learning or
295 community or junior college must:

296 (a) Meet residency requirement by meeting the
297 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
298 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
299 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board;

300 (b) Meet achievement standards by:

301 (i) Having graduated from an eligible high school
302 while meeting the curriculum requirements of his or her program of
303 study; or

304 (ii) In the case of a student who is qualified
305 otherwise but:

306 1. Did not graduate from high school or
307 complete a home study program, having received the general
308 educational development (GED) equivalency diploma;

309 2. Completed a home study program in lieu of
310 graduating from an eligible high school, earning a cumulative
311 grade point average of at least 3.0 at an eligible public

312 institution of higher learning or a community or junior college at
313 the end of the semester in which the student has attempted thirty
314 (30) semester hours, provided that such student shall be eligible
315 to receive a retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's
316 freshman year to be paid at the end of the freshman year; or

317 3. Graduated from a high school which is not
318 an eligible high school, earning a cumulative grade point average
319 of at least 3.0 at an eligible public institution of higher
320 learning or community or junior college at the end of the semester
321 in which the student has attempted thirty (30) semester hours,
322 provided that such student shall be eligible to receive a
323 retroactive HOPE scholarship for such student's freshman year to
324 be paid at the end of the freshman year; and

325 (c) Meet enrollment standards by:

326 (i) Being admitted, enrolled and classified as an
327 undergraduate student in a matriculated status; and

328 (ii) Being registered for and attending classes as
329 a full-time student for fourteen (14) days or more after the last
330 day of the institution's drop and add period.

331 (2) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a sophomore
332 student seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an
333 eligible private institution of higher learning or community or
334 junior college must:

335 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
336 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
337 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
338 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board;

339 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following

340 criteria:

341 (i) Earning a cumulative grade point average of at
342 least 3.0 at an institution of higher learning or community or
343 junior college at the end of the semester in which the student has
344 attempted thirty (30) semester hours; and

345 (ii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress in
346 a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices
347 used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of higher
348 learning or community or junior college in which the student is
349 enrolled; and

350 (c) Meet enrollment standards by:

351 (i) Being admitted, enrolled and classified as an
352 undergraduate student in a matriculated status or, in the case of
353 an otherwise eligible student who is classified as a professional
354 level student rather than an undergraduate student, being accepted
355 into the professional level program of study before receiving a
356 baccalaureate degree; and

357 (ii) Being registered for and attending classes as
358 a full-time student for fourteen (14) days or more after the last
359 day of the institution's drop and add period.

360 (3) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a junior student
361 seeking a baccalaureate degree at an eligible private institution
362 of higher learning must:

363 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
364 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
365 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
366 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board;

367 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following

368 criteria:

369 (i) Earning a cumulative grade point average of at
370 least 3.0 at a institution of higher learning or a community or
371 junior college at the end of the semester in which the student has
372 attempted sixty (60) semester hours; and

373 (ii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress in
374 a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices
375 used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of higher
376 learning in which the student is enrolled; and

377 (c) Meet enrollment standards by:

378 (i) Being admitted, enrolled and classified as an
379 undergraduate student in a matriculated status or provided that in
380 the case of an otherwise eligible student who is classified as a
381 professional level student rather than an undergraduate student,
382 have been accepted into the professional level program of study
383 before receiving a baccalaureate degree; and

384 (ii) Being registered for and attending classes as
385 a full-time student for fourteen (14) days or more after the last
386 day of the institution's drop and add period.

387 (4) To be eligible for a HOPE scholarship, a senior student
388 seeking a baccalaureate degree at an eligible private institution
389 of higher learning must:

390 (a) Meet residency requirements by meeting the
391 requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Mississippi
392 as established by the program regulations promulgated by the
393 Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board;

394 (b) Meet achievement standards by meeting the following
395 criteria:

396 (i) Having met all achievement standards for HOPE
397 eligibility in his or her junior year;

398 (ii) Earning a cumulative grade point average of
399 at least 3.0 at an institution of higher learning at the end of
400 the semester in which the student has attempted ninety (90)
401 semester hours; and

402 (iii) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress
403 in a course of study in accordance with the standards and
404 practices used for federal Title IV programs by the institution of
405 higher learning in which the student is enrolled; and

406 (c) Meet enrollment standards by:

407 (i) Being admitted, enrolled and classified as an
408 undergraduate student in a matriculated status or, in the case of
409 an otherwise eligible student who is classified as a professional
410 level student rather than an undergraduate student, being accepted
411 into the professional level program of study before receiving a
412 baccalaureate degree; and

413 (ii) Being registered for and attending classes as
414 a full-time student for fourteen (14) days or more after the last
415 day of the institution's drop and add period.

416 (5) An otherwise eligible student who fails to maintain a
417 cumulative grade point of at least 3.0 at the end of the semester
418 in which the student has attempted thirty (30) semester hours may
419 attend the next thirty (30) semester hours without a HOPE
420 scholarship. A student who regains a cumulative grade point
421 average of at least 3.0 at end of the semester in which the
422 student has attempted sixty (60) semester hours may requalify for
423 a HOPE scholarship.

424 (6) (a) Except as set out in paragraph (b) of this
425 subsection, a student may receive a HOPE scholarship until the
426 first of these events:

427 (i) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;
428 or

429 (ii) The student has attempted at any institution
430 of higher learning a total of one hundred twenty-seven (127)
431 semester hours.

432 (b) A student enrolled in an undergraduate degree
433 program designed to be more than one hundred twenty-seven (127)
434 semester hours in length is eligible to receive a HOPE scholarship
435 for the lessor of:

436 (i) A total of one hundred fifty (150) attempted
437 semester hours; or

438 (ii) The number of hours required for graduation
439 if the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least
440 3.0 after the term in which the student attempted one hundred
441 twenty-seven (127) semester hours.

442 (7) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature,
443 provisions relating to the scholarship shortfall reserve
444 subaccount in Section 50-27-13, a HOPE scholarship awarded under
445 this section shall be not less than Three Thousand Dollars
446 (\$3,000.00) for any academic year.

447 SECTION 5. (1) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the
448 Legislature, a HOPE GED voucher in the amount of Five Hundred
449 Dollars (\$500.00) shall be awarded once to each student receiving
450 a general educational development (GED) equivalency diploma, which
451 shall be valid at any eligible institution of higher learning or

452 community or junior college in Mississippi for twenty-four (24)
453 months from the date of issuance.

454 (2) An otherwise eligible student receiving a HOPE GED
455 voucher under this section is eligible for a HOPE scholarship as a
456 sophomore, junior or senior student.

457 SECTION 6. (1) To be eligible for a HOPE teacher's
458 scholarship, a student shall:

459 (a) Meet the residency requirements by:

460 (i) In the case of a student attending a state
461 institution of higher learning, meeting the requirements to be
462 eligible for in-state tuition under the law or policy set by the
463 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; or

464 (ii) In the case of a student attending an
465 eligible private institution or higher learning, being classified
466 as a legal resident of Mississippi;

467 (b) Be admitted into graduate school and into an
468 advanced degree or approved teacher education program in a
469 critical shortage field of study leading to licensure;

470 (c) Being one of the following:

471 (i) A teacher working in a public or private
472 accredited school in Mississippi who has baccalaureate degree and
473 is seeking an advanced degree in his or her current field which is
474 a critical shortage field or in a new critical shortage field;

475 (ii) An individual with a baccalaureate degree who
476 is seeking an advanced degree in a critical shortage field;

477 (iii) An individual with a master's degree in a
478 critical shortage field who is seeking licensure as a specialist
479 or a doctorate in his or her current critical shortage field;

480 (iv) An individual with a master's degree in a
481 field which is not a critical shortage field who is seeking an
482 advanced degree in a critical shortage field;

483 (v) An individual who has licensure as a
484 specialist in a critical shortage field who is seeking a doctorate
485 in his or her current critical shortage field; or

486 (vi) A teacher working in a public or private
487 accredited school in Mississippi who is seeking to complete an
488 approved program in a critical shortage field for which degree
489 programs are not generally offered; and

490 (d) Agree to teach in his or her critical shortage
491 field in a public school in Mississippi at the preschool,
492 elementary, middle or secondary level for one (1) academic year
493 for each Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in HOPE
494 teacher scholarship funds awarded and sign a promissory note that
495 stipulates the cash repayment obligation incurred if the teaching
496 service is not fulfilled.

497 (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) and
498 (c) of this subsection, for students eligible for a HOPE teacher's
499 scholarship, no minimum number of hours of enrollment is required
500 for eligibility for a HOPE teacher's scholarship.

501 (b) The program of study a student is attempting must
502 be completed within five (5) years, beginning with the first term
503 for which scholarship funds are awarded.

504 (c) A student's eligibility for a HOPE teacher's
505 scholarship expires if the student has a break in enrollment at an
506 eligible institution of more than twelve (12) months.

507 (3) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature,

508 a HOPE teacher's scholarship award amount for a student shall not
509 exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the student's program
510 of study.

511 SECTION 7. An individual who meets any of the following
512 criteria is ineligible for the HOPE teacher's scholarship:

513 (a) Holding an advanced degree in a critical shortage
514 field and seeking an advanced degree in a new critical shortage
515 field; or

516 (b) Being ineligible for teacher licensure by action of
517 the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
518 Certification and Licensure and Development.

519 SECTION 8. A HOPE scholarship may be applied only to tuition
520 and mandatory fees not covered by any Pell grant or other federal
521 grant.

522 SECTION 9. (1) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education
523 Financial Assistance Board may promulgate rules and regulations
524 not inconsistent with this act relating to scholarships described
525 in this act.

526 (2) The funding for the scholarships described in this act
527 shall be subject to annual appropriations enacted by the
528 Legislature which shall establish the total amount of funding for
529 such scholarships.

530 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from
531 and after July 1, 2000.