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To: Universities and  
Colleges;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ESTABLISH THE TUITION AT STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY  
3 COLLEGES FOR NONRESIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-81 AND  
4 37-29-423, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 **[Until July 1, 2004, this section will read as follows:]** [JU1]

10 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
11 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community  
12 colleges and junior colleges are \* \* \* authorized to prescribe the  
13 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the  
14 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and  
15 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of  
16 Mississippi.

17 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
18 section, in prescribing the rates to be paid by residents of other  
19 states, the total tuition shall not be less than the average cost  
20 per student from appropriated funds.

21 (3) (a) The tuition to be paid by a resident of another  
22 state who was enrolled at a state institution of higher learning

23 or a state community college or junior college during the  
24 1999-2000 academic year shall be equal to the tuition amount  
25 established under subsection (2) of this section so long as the  
26 student maintains continuous enrollment for at least two (2)  
27 semesters or three (3) quarters in each successive academic year  
28 at the state institution of higher learning or community college  
29 or junior college in which he is enrolled. However, if the  
30 nonresident student ceases to maintain continuous enrollment at  
31 the state institution of higher learning or a state community  
32 college or junior college in which he is enrolled, the tuition to  
33 be paid by the student, upon his reenrollment, shall be determined  
34 in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection. An  
35 institution of higher learning or a community college or junior  
36 college, in its discretion, may grant an exception to this  
37 requirement for any nonresident student who does not maintain  
38 continuous enrollment for the purpose of participating in a  
39 cooperative program, internship program or foreign study program.

40 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of  
41 this subsection, beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year, the  
42 tuition to be paid by residents of other states at the state  
43 institutions of higher learning shall be equal to the average  
44 nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported institutions  
45 of higher learning in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana  
46 and Tennessee, as established annually by the Board of Trustees of  
47 State Institutions of Higher Learning.

48 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of  
49 this subsection, beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year, the  
50 tuition to be paid by residents of other states at the state  
51 community colleges and junior colleges shall be equal to the  
52 average nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported  
53 community colleges or junior colleges, or both, in the states of

54 Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee, as established  
55 annually by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

56 **[From and after July 1, 2004, this section will read as**  
57 **follows:]**

58 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
59 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community  
60 colleges and junior colleges are \* \* \* authorized to prescribe the  
61 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the  
62 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and  
63 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of  
64 Mississippi. \* \* \*

65 (2) (a) The tuition to be paid by residents of other states  
66 at the state institutions of higher learning shall be equal to the  
67 average nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported  
68 institutions of higher learning in the states of Alabama,  
69 Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee, as established annually by the  
70 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

71 (b) The tuition to be paid by residents of other states  
72 at the state community colleges and junior colleges shall be equal  
73 to the average nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported  
74 community colleges or junior colleges, or both, in the states of  
75 Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee, as established  
76 annually by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

77 SECTION 2. Section 37-29-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
78 amended as follows:[JU2]

79 37-29-81. The district, in the discretion of the board of  
80 trustees, may charge fees and tuitions in accordance with Section  
81 37-103-25.

82 SECTION 3. Section 37-29-423, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
83 amended as follows:[JU3]

84 37-29-423. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College  
85 District, in the discretion of the board of trustees, may charge  
86 fees and tuitions in accordance with Section 37-103-25.

87 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
88 and after July 1, 2000.