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To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 922

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO
 2 ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP
 3 PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WITH THE HIGHEST
 4 GRADE POINT AVERAGES WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR
 5 COLLEGE WHOSE DISTRICT INCLUDES THE HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE
 6 STUDENT GRADUATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county, in its
 9 discretion, may establish a community and junior college district
 10 scholarship program. The program shall be designed to award
 11 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who attend a public
 12 community or junior college. In order to qualify for the
 13 scholarship, the student must (a) be a graduate of a public high
 14 school in the county, (b) have the highest grade point average
 15 among all graduating seniors in his class, and (c) attend a public
 16 community or junior college whose district includes the high
 17 school from which the student graduated. Only one (1) scholarship
 18 may be awarded for each public high school in the county. The
 19 amount of the scholarship shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars
 20 (\$500.00) for each qualifying student, and shall be payable out of
 21 any available funds of the county directly to the community or
 22 junior college district in which the county is located. The
 23 community or junior college receiving such monies shall keep a

24 separate account for each student awarded a scholarship under this
25 program and shall credit any expenditures for tuition, books or
26 other fees as a charge against the account. If the senior with
27 the highest grade point average in his high school does not attend
28 a public community or junior college whose district includes the
29 high school from which the student graduated, then the scholarship
30 shall be awarded to the student from that same high school who has
31 the highest grade point average among all graduating seniors in
32 that high school who does attend a public community or junior
33 college whose district includes the high school from which the
34 student graduated.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after October 1, 2000.