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To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1053

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION
3 WAIVER FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 HUMAN SERVICES WHO WERE ADOPTED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[MS1]

8 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
9 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the junior
10 colleges are hereby authorized to prescribe the amount of fees to
11 be paid by students attending the several state-supported
12 institutions of higher learning and junior colleges of the State
13 of Mississippi. In prescribing the rates to be paid by residents
14 of other states, the total fees shall not be less than the average
15 cost per student from appropriated funds.

16 (2) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
17 Learning and the boards of trustees of the community and junior
18 colleges shall exempt from payment of all dues, fees and charges,
19 including correspondence courses by excluding property deposit
20 fees and student services fees, for students in the custody of the
21 Mississippi Department of Human Services and students previously
22 in the custody of said department who were adopted on or after
23 their twelfth birthday, provided that the person seeking the
24 exemption was a citizen of Mississippi at the time of application
25 to the university or college and has resided in Mississippi for at
26 least the period of twelve (12) months before the date of
27 registration.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2000.