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To: Public Health and  
Welfare;  
Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 2625

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 has been a citizen of Mississippi at the time of  
25 application to the university or college and has resided in  
26 Mississippi for at least the period of twelve (12) months before  
27 the date of registration.

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