

By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1218

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL SCHOLARSHIP, KNOWN AS THE  
2 AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP, FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS WHO MEET THE  
3 CRITERIA PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS  
4 OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETES HAVING LESS THAN A  
5 FULL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS  
6 SCHOLARSHIP; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** There shall be a full scholarship, known as the  
9 Ambassador Scholarship, which shall be awarded to students who are  
10 not residents of Mississippi based on criteria prescribed by the  
11 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, which  
12 shall include, without limitation, minimum ACT score, minimum SAT  
13 score and minimum high school GPA. The scholarship is for four  
14 (4) years as long as the student takes a full course load each  
15 semester and maintains the minimum GPA for the institution where  
16 the student attends. Members of athletic teams of an institution  
17 who do not have an athletic scholarship or have less than a full  
18 athletic scholarship shall be eligible to receive this  
19 scholarship. The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as  
20 may be necessary to implement the scholarship program established  
21 under this section.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2003.

