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.

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

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

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