

By: Representative Fleming

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT TUITION FOR NONRESIDENT COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ARE  
3 RESIDENTS OF ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA OR TENNESSEE SHALL BE  
4 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF TUITION FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
10 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community  
11 colleges and junior colleges are authorized to prescribe the  
12 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the  
13 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and  
14 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of  
15 Mississippi.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
17 total tuition to be paid by residents of other states shall not be  
18 less than the average cost per student from appropriated funds.  
19 However, the tuition to be paid by a resident of another state  
20 shall be equal to the tuition amount established under subsection  
21 (1) of this section if:

22 (a) (i) The nonresident student was born in the State  
23 of Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the  
24 state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother,  
25 or both;

26 (ii) The nonresident student is a veteran who  
27 served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and



28                    (iii) The nonresident student is domiciled in  
29 Mississippi no later than six (6) months after the nonresident  
30 student's separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of  
31 Separation from Military Service or other military discharge  
32 document, for the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of  
33 higher learning or a community or junior college; or

34                    (b) The nonresident student is a resident of Alabama,  
35 Arkansas, Louisiana or Tennessee.

36                    **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after July 1, 2004.

