

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 3036

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-15-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH DUAL ENROLLMENT
3 PROGRAMS ALLOWING CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN STATE
4 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN ORDER TO DUALY EARN CREDITS
5 FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND A UNIVERSITY DEGREE AT BOTH LEVELS,
6 AND TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR SUCH PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE THAT
7 TUITION COSTS SHALL BE PAID FROM PRIVATE SOURCES; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as
11 Section 37-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 37-15-37. The local school boards of public school districts
13 and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
14 are authorized to establish a dual enrollment program under which
15 high school students meeting the requirements prescribed in this
16 section may enroll at an institution of higher learning in
17 Mississippi while they are still attending high school and
18 enrolled in high school courses, with tuition and costs to be paid
19 by grants, foundations or other private sources. Students may be
20 admitted to enroll in university-level courses under the dual
21 enrollment program if they meet the following recommended
22 admission requirements:

23 (a) Students must have completed a minimum of fourteen
24 (14) core high school units;

25 (b) Students must have a 2.5 grade point average on a
26 4.0 scale, or better, on all high school courses, as documented by
27 an official high school transcript; a home-schooled student must
28 submit a transcript prepared by a parent, guardian or custodian
29 with a signed, sworn affidavit to meet the requirement of this
30 paragraph; and

31 (c) Students must have an unconditional written
32 recommendation from their high school principal and/or guidance
33 counselor. A home-schooled student must submit a parent, legal
34 guardian or custodian's written recommendation to meet the
35 requirement of this paragraph.

36 Students may be considered for the dual enrollment program
37 who have not completed the minimum of fourteen (14) core high
38 school units if they have a minimum ACT composite score of thirty
39 (30) or the equivalent SAT score, and have the required grade
40 point average and recommendations prescribed above.

41 Tuition and costs for university-level courses under this
42 program shall be paid from grants, foundations or other private
43 sources, to be paid directly to the participating university.
44 Students admitted in the dual enrollment program shall be counted
45 for adequate education program funding purposes in the average
46 daily attendance of the public school district in which they
47 attend high school. Any additional transportation required by a
48 student to participate in the dual enrollment program shall be the
49 responsibility of the parents or legal guardians of the student,
50 but may be paid for from private sources. Grades and college
51 credits earned by students admitted to the dual enrollment program
52 shall be recorded on the college transcript at the university
53 where the student attends classes. The transcript of such
54 university course work may be released to another institution or
55 used for college graduation requirements only after the student
56 has received his high school diploma.

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