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To: Universities and Colleges

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 524

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THE RESIDENCE STATUS OF MINOR STUDENTS FOR THE PURPOSE  
3 OF ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-103-7. For purposes of determining whether a person pays  
9 out-of-state or in-state tuition for attendance at universities,  
10 community and junior colleges, the residence of a person less than  
11 twenty-one (21) years of age is that of the father, the mother or  
12 a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in  
13 Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one  
14 (1) parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who  
15 was granted custody by the court \* \* \*. If both parents are dead,  
16 the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at  
17 the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a  
18 general guardian \* \* \* duly appointed by a proper court of  
19 Mississippi, in which case his residence becomes that of the  
20 guardian.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2005.