

By: Representatives Carlton, Pierce, Young

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1092

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS AND  
2 EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE  
3 PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND  
4 EVALUATE MERIT BASED COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a commission to study the  
8 effectiveness and efficiency of the administration of college  
9 tuition assistance programs administered by the Institutions of  
10 Higher Learning. In addition, the commission shall evaluate merit  
11 based college tuition assistance programs and procedures and  
12 guidelines for implementing merit based programs.

13 The commission shall make a report of its findings and  
14 recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees by  
15 October 1, 2005, including any recommended legislation.

16 (2) The commission shall be composed of the following three  
17 (3) members:

18 (a) A representative of the State Department of  
19 Education, to be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public  
20 Education;

21 (b) A representative from the Institutions of Higher  
22 Learning, to be appointed by the commissioner;

23 (c) A representative from the State Board for Community  
24 and Junior Colleges, to be appointed by the chairman of the board.

25 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
26 the effective date of this act. The commission shall hold its  
27 first meeting before July 15, 2005.

28           (4) Members of the commission may not be compensated for the  
29 performance of their duties. Any incidental costs associated with  
30 conducting the study shall be paid by the State Department of  
31 Education.

32           (5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any  
33 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the  
34 state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the  
35 request of the chairperson of the task force, provide to the  
36 commission such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the  
37 commission to properly carry out its duties.

38           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after its passage.