

By: Representative Young

To: Universities and
Colleges

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1119

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE RESIDENCE STATUS OF SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF MILITARY
3 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR PURPOSES OF ATTENDING
4 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND JUNIOR
5 COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-103-19. (1) Resident status of a spouse or children of
10 members of the armed forces on extended active duty shall be that
11 of the military parent for the purpose of attending
12 state-supported institutions of higher learning and junior
13 colleges of the State of Mississippi during the time that their
14 military parents are stationed within the State of Mississippi and
15 shall be continued through the time that military parents are
16 stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the
17 State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en
18 route from Mississippi. Resident status of minor children shall
19 terminate upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station
20 Orders of their military parents for duty in the continental
21 United States outside the State of Mississippi, excepting
22 temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi.

23 (2) The spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of
24 the United States who dies or is killed is entitled to pay the
25 resident tuition fee if the spouse or child becomes a resident of
26 Mississippi within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of
27 death.

28 (3) If a member of the Armed Forces of the United States is
29 stationed outside Mississippi and the member's spouse or child
30 established residence in Mississippi by residing in Mississippi
31 and by filing with the Mississippi institution of higher learning
32 or community college at which the spouse or child plans to
33 register a letter of intent to establish residence in Mississippi,
34 the institution of higher education or community college shall
35 permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other
36 charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to
37 length of time that the spouse or child has resided in
38 Mississippi.

39 (4) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
40 child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United
41 States who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate
42 provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this
43 section while enrolled in a degree or certificate program is
44 entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for
45 Mississippi residents in any subsequent term or semester while the
46 person is continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate
47 program. A student may be allowed to withdraw or may choose not
48 to enroll no more than one (1) semester, only if that student
49 provides sufficient documentation by a physician that the student
50 has a medical condition that requires withdrawal or nonenrollment.
51 For purposes of this subsection, a person is not required to
52 enroll in a summer term to remain continuously enrolled in a
53 degree or certificate program. The person's eligibility to pay
54 tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents
55 under this subsection does not terminate because the person is no
56 longer a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
57 child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United
58 States.

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