

By: Representative Young

To: Universities and
Colleges

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 sixty (60) days of the date of death.

27 (3) If a member of the Armed Forces of the United States is
28 stationed outside Mississippi and the member's spouse or child

29 established residence in Mississippi by residing in Mississippi
30 and by filing with the Mississippi institution of higher learning
31 or community college at which the spouse or child plans to
32 register a letter of intent to establish residence in Mississippi,
33 the institution of higher education or community college shall
34 permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other
35 charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to
36 length of time that the spouse or child has resided in
37 Mississippi.

38 (4) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
39 child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United
40 States who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate
41 provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this
42 section while enrolled in a degree or certificate program is
43 entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for
44 Mississippi residents in any subsequent term or semester while the
45 person is continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate
46 program. For purposes of this subsection, a person is not
47 required to enroll in a summer term to remain continuously
48 enrolled in a degree or certificate program. The person's
49 eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for
50 Mississippi residents under this subsection does not terminate
51 because the person is no longer a member of the Armed Forces of
52 the United Sates or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed
53 Forces of the United States.

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