

By: Representative Fleming

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT TUITION FOR NONRESIDENT COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ARE  
3 RESIDENTS OF ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA OR TENNESSEE SHALL BE  
4 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF TUITION FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
10 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community  
11 colleges and junior colleges are authorized to prescribe the  
12 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the  
13 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and  
14 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of  
15 Mississippi.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
17 total tuition to be paid by residents of other states shall not be  
18 less than the average cost per student from appropriated funds.  
19 However, the tuition to be paid by a resident of another state  
20 shall be equal to the tuition amount established under subsection  
21 (1) of this section if:

22 (a) The nonresident student was born in the State of  
23 Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the  
24 state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother,  
25 or both;

26 (b) The nonresident student is a veteran who served in  
27 the Armed Forces of the United States;

28           (c) The nonresident student is domiciled in Mississippi  
29 no later than six (6) months after the nonresident student's  
30 separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of Separation  
31 from Military Service or other military discharge document, for  
32 the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of higher learning  
33 or a community or junior college; \* \* \*

34           (d) The nonresident student is an evacuee of an area  
35 affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. This waiver  
36 shall be applicable to the 2005-2006 school year only; or

37           (e) The nonresident student is a resident of Alabama,  
38 Arkansas, Louisiana or Tennessee.

39           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2006.