

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for House Bill No. 379

BY: Representative Fredericks

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following section after line 75 and
2 renumbering the succeeding section:

3 "**SECTION 2.** Section 37-143-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 37-143-9. There is created a program for advanced study in
6 nursing. Scholarships are established and shall be allocated to
7 students who: (a) have graduated from an accredited high school
8 and from a school of nursing and are licensed registered nurses in
9 Mississippi; and (b) are approved by the Board of Trustees of
10 State Institutions of Higher Learning; and (c) enter into contract
11 with the board of trustees and its successors in office,
12 obligating themselves to pursue to completion the course of study
13 agreed upon, and immediately following the completion of such
14 work, to spend a period of time, equal to the period of study
15 provided under the scholarship, in teaching nursing at any
16 accredited school of nursing in Mississippi, approved by the board
17 of trustees, or in performing other work in the interest of public
18 health in the state, to be approved by the board of trustees.
19 Such period of service, after completion of study under a
20 scholarship, shall in no event be less than one (1) year.
21 However, any student who pursues an advanced doctorate degree
22 after completing a masters degree under a scholarship program

23 pursuant to this section, or any other program administered by the
24 board of trustees, shall not be required to begin teaching or
25 other service as a pay-back condition until the student has
26 completed the advanced doctorate degree, at the option of the
27 student.

28 In addition to a scholarship, any such student may be
29 allocated a loan not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
30 per month for each month of full-time study in a graduate nursing
31 program. The repayment of the principal and interest of such
32 loans shall be eligible for deferment during attendance as a
33 full-time student in an approved program for advanced study in an
34 accredited school of nursing. For any student who receives this
35 loan, the student's contract with the board of trustees shall
36 obligate the student, immediately following completion of the
37 course of study, to repay the loan by teaching nursing for not
38 less than two (2) years at any accredited school of nursing in
39 Mississippi approved by the board of trustees. Such teaching
40 service shall convert the loan to an interest-free scholarship,
41 and discharge the same, on the basis of two (2) years of service
42 for one-year's loan amount, or the appropriate proportion of the
43 total outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as
44 established by rule and regulation of the board of trustees. Any
45 such student who fails to complete all of the teaching service
46 obligation shall be liable to the board of trustees for the
47 remaining balance of the principal and interest that remains
48 undischarged.

49 The board of trustees shall establish such rules and
50 regulations as it deems necessary and proper to carry out the
51 purposes and intent of this section."

52 **AMEND FURTHER** the title by inserting the following language
53 after the semicolon on line 4: "TO AMEND SECTION 37-143-9,

54 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED DEGREE STUDENTS TO
55 PURSUE DOCTORAL DEGREES WITHOUT PAYBACK; "