

By: Representative Lane

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-107-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO INCLUDE THE COSTS OF BOOKS IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED TO  
 3 DEPENDENTS OF A MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FULL-TIME  
 4 FIRE FIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER WHO SUFFERS OR HAS SUFFERED  
 5 FATAL INJURIES OR WOUNDS OR BECOME PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY  
 6 DISABLED AS A RESULT OF INJURIES OR WOUNDS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE  
 7 PERFORMANCE OFFICIAL DUTIES; TO EXPAND THE USE OF SUCH FUNDS TO  
 8 ALLOW SUCH A DEPENDENT TO ATTEND A PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR  
 9 COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE  
 10 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED FOR ATTENDANCE AT A PRIVATE COLLEGE,  
 11 UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT  
 12 AWARDED FOR ATTENDANCE AT A STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR  
 13 COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-107-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 16 amended as follows:

17 37-107-1. If any Mississippi law enforcement officer,  
 18 full-time fire fighter or volunteer fire fighter shall suffer or  
 19 has suffered fatal injuries or wounds or become permanently and  
 20 totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which occurred  
 21 in the performance of the official and appointed duties of his or  
 22 her office, his or her spouse, child or children shall be entitled  
 23 to an eight-semester scholarship, inclusive of books, without  
 24 cost, exclusive of \* \* \* food, school supplies, materials and dues  
 25 or fees for extracurricular activities, at any state-supported or  
 26 private college, university or community/junior college of his or  
 27 her choice within this state. The amount of the scholarship  
 28 awarded for attendance at a private college or university shall  
 29 not exceed the amount awarded for attendance at a state-supported  
 30 college, university or community/junior college. No child shall  
 31 be entitled to receive benefits during any semester or quarter  
 32 when said child has reached the age of twenty-three (23) years on



33 the first day of said semester or quarter. However, any child who  
34 has begun the process of acquiring college credits under the  
35 provisions of this section prior to attaining the age of  
36 twenty-three (23) years shall be entitled to the full  
37 eight-semester scholarship if his or her college instruction was  
38 interrupted for any reason.

39 Scholarship benefits shall not accrue hereunder to any person  
40 if the wounds or injuries suffered by any law enforcement officer,  
41 full-time fire fighter or volunteer fire fighter are  
42 self-inflicted or if his death is self-induced.

43 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section  
44 37-107-11, Mississippi Code of 1972:

45 37-107-11. The provisions of this chapter and any rules and  
46 regulations promulgated by the Board of Trustees of State  
47 Institutions of Higher Learning implementing the provisions of  
48 this chapter shall be included in any handbook issued to a law  
49 enforcement officer, full-time fire fighter or volunteer fire  
50 fighter.

51 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
52 and after July 1, 2007.

