

By: Representative Lott

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
2 OF HIGHER LEARNING, ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR
3 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, TO ADOPT A POLICY REQUIRING ALL
4 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO VERIFY THE CITIZENSHIP OR
5 LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ENROLLED STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
9 Higher Learning, acting jointly with the State Board for Community
10 and Junior Colleges, shall develop and adopt a policy requiring
11 the state institutions of higher learning and public community and
12 junior colleges to verify the citizenship or legal immigration
13 status of all enrolled students. The policy must be in compliance
14 with any related federal law or court ruling in effect on the date
15 that the policy is adopted. Both the Board of Trustees of State
16 Institutions of Higher Learning and the State Board for Community
17 and Junior Colleges shall incorporate the policy into their
18 respective regulations relating to the universities and colleges
19 under their purview. The policy must be implemented in each state
20 institution of higher learning and community and junior college on
21 or before January 1, 2008.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2007.