

By: Representative Davis

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1618

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING  
3 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOW SOCIOECONOMIC AND AT-RISK ACADEMICALLY  
4 TALENTED YOUTH TO ATTEND THE SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE FRANCES A.  
5 KARNES CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
6 MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
10 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State  
11 Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of funding  
12 scholarships for low socioeconomic and at-risk academically  
13 talented youth to attend the Summer Program for Academically  
14 Talented Youth at the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
15 at the University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year  
16 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$225,000.00.

17 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act  
18 is for the purpose of providing scholarships to: "low  
19 socioeconomic academically talented youth," defined as those  
20 students in seventh through tenth grades who earn college entrance  
21 exam scores equal to or above those of entering college freshman  
22 and are eligible for free and reduced lunches in the public  
23 schools of this state or come from families having an annual  
24 income at or below the poverty level in Mississippi; and "at-risk  
25 academically talented youth," defined as those students in seventh  
26 through tenth grades who earn college entrance exam scores equal  
27 to or above those of entering college freshman and who also may be  
28 at risk for underachievement in middle or high school.

29           **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
30 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
31 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
32 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
33 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
34 officers in the manner provided by law.

35           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2007.