

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2364

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8        **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

9            (a) Mississippi's public community and junior colleges  
10 are Mississippi's best educational buy. An education at  
11 Mississippi's community and junior colleges is affordable and  
12 accessible to all. Mississippians have an option to attend a  
13 community or junior college close to home, with smaller class  
14 sizes and at approximately one-half (1/2) the cost of tuition at a  
15 public four-year institution;

16            (b) In recent fiscal years, appropriations for  
17 community and junior colleges have not kept pace with increases  
18 appropriated to Grades K-12 and the institutions of higher  
19 learning;

20            (c) A need exists to provide adequate funding for  
21 Mississippi's community and junior colleges; and

22            (d) Adequate funding should be accomplished through  
23 appropriate funding on a full time equivalency (FTE) basis.

24        **SECTION 2.** As used in this act, the following terms shall be  
25 defined as provided in this section:

26            (a) "Full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment" means the  
27 process by which the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)  
28 calculates FTE by taking total undergraduate semester credit hours  
29 divided by thirty (30); total undergraduate quarter hours divided  
30 by forty-five (45); total graduate semester credit hours divided  
31 by twenty-four (24); and total graduate quarter hours divided by  
32 thirty-six (36).

33 (b) "State funds" means all funds appropriated by the  
34 Legislature including funds from the State General Fund, Education  
35 Enhancement Fund, Budget Contingency Fund and Health Care  
36 Expendable Fund.

37 (c) "E & G operations" means education and general  
38 expenses of the colleges and universities.

39 (d) "Average daily attendance (ADA)" means the figure  
40 that results when the total aggregate attendance during the period  
41 or months counted is divided by the number of days during the  
42 period or months counted upon which both teachers and pupils are  
43 in regular attendance for scheduled classroom instruction, less  
44 the average daily attendance for self-contained special education  
45 classes and, before full implementation of the Mississippi  
46 Adequate Education Program, the State Department of Education  
47 shall deduct the average attendance of the alternative school  
48 program provided for in Section 37-19-22.

49 **SECTION 3.** (1) In funding community and junior colleges,  
50 the actual amount of the annual appropriation of the community and  
51 junior colleges general support bill shall be computed as follows:

52 (a) Calculate the state funding per student for Grades  
53 K-12 by dividing the total revenue from state funds by the ADA.  
54 Both the funding and ADA figures shall be provided by the State  
55 Department of Education.

56 (b) Calculate the state funding per FTE for regional  
57 universities by dividing the state funds for E & G operations by  
58 FTE enrollment. Both funding and enrollment figures shall come  
59 from the SREB State Data Exchange.

60 (c) Mid-level funding for community and junior colleges  
61 shall be the average as computed from paragraphs (a) and (b) of  
62 this subsection multiplied by the total community and junior  
63 college FTEs. This amount shall be appropriated annually by the  
64 Legislature to the community and junior colleges.

65 (2) Data used in the calculation of paragraphs (a), (b) and  
66 (c) of subsection (1) shall be the most current available data  
67 utilizing the same fiscal year for all entities involved.

68 Information from the SREB State Data Exchange shall be used to  
69 ensure common denominators in the calculation of FTE enrollment  
70 and to ensure consistent reporting of financial data.

71 **SECTION 4.** This act shall be codified in Chapter 29, Title  
72 37, Mississippi Code of 1972.

73 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
74 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MID-LEVEL FUNDING FOR MISSISSIPPI'S  
2 PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; TO PROVIDE A FORMULA FOR THE  
3 CALCULATION OF MID-LEVEL FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR  
4 COLLEGES; TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE THE AMOUNT  
5 CALCULATED UNDER THE FORMULA TO THE COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES;  
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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