

By: Senator(s) Collins

To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2060

1 AN ACT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY,
2 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON STATE FUNDING OF ACADEMIC REMEDIAL
3 COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ATTENDING
4 STATE-SUPPORTED UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO PROVIDE
5 FOR THE WITHHOLDING AND TRANSFER OF ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM
6 FUNDS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES PROVIDING SUCH
7 REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSES; TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with undergraduate students who
11 commence undergraduate studies in the 2013-2014 academic year, no
12 state-supported institution of higher learning or community
13 college shall receive any state funding for any academic remedial
14 or developmental courses for undergraduate students, including
15 courses prescribed in the Mississippi core curriculum for high
16 school graduation under state accreditation regulations, except as
17 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

18 (2) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, each state
19 institution of higher learning shall report to the Board of
20 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning the high school
21 and school district from which each student who receives academic



22 remedial education in the preceding semester of study and the cost
23 to the institution for providing that education. In like manner,
24 each public community college shall report to the Mississippi
25 Community College Board the high school and school district from
26 which each student who receives academic remedial education in the
27 preceding semester of study and the cost to the community college
28 for providing that education. The Board of Trustees of State
29 Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community
30 College Board shall develop a report regarding the total cost for
31 remedial education for all students served in the preceding
32 semester, submit a statement for cost reimbursement to the State
33 Department of Education not later than one (1) month following the
34 end of the preceding semester, and shall forward the report to the
35 Governor and the Chairmen of the Universities and Colleges
36 Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The State
37 Department of Education shall reimburse the Board of Trustees of
38 State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community
39 College Board, as the case may be, for the cost for remedial
40 education for all students served in the preceding semester and
41 shall withhold a pro rata amount from the Mississippi Adequate
42 Education Program (MAEP) distribution to the applicable school
43 district in order to reimburse the applicable university or
44 community college for the cost of such remedial education. The
45 State Department of Education shall transfer the amounts withheld
46 from adequate education program distributions to the applicable



47 entity not later than one (1) month from the date such funds are
48 withheld. The State Department of Education shall include a recap
49 of such transfers on its official website and on the school
50 districts annual report card.

51 (3) Each state university and public community college may
52 continue to offer academic remedial and developmental courses at
53 its main campus beyond the extent for which state funding may be
54 paid under this section. However, the university or community
55 college shall not receive any state operating funding for such
56 courses except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

57 (4) Each state university and public community college shall
58 grant credit for academic remedial or developmental courses
59 successfully completed at a nonpublic community college or
60 nonpublic university pursuant to any applicable articulation and
61 transfer agreements the university or community college has
62 entered into in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by
63 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or
64 the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be.

65 (5) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
66 Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall do all
67 of the following:

68 (a) Adopt uniform statewide standards for academic
69 remedial and developmental courses offered by all state
70 institutions of higher learning and community colleges;



71 (b) Encourage and assist in the design and
72 establishment of academic remedial and developmental courses by
73 institutions of higher learning and community colleges; and

74 (c) Encourage and assist in the development of
75 articulation and transfer agreements between state universities,
76 other institutions of higher education, public community colleges
77 and other nonpublic community colleges.

78 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2013.

