To: Finance

By: Senator(s) Watson

## SENATE BILL NO. 2852

1	AN ACT ENTITLED THE "MISSISSIPPI EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX
2	CREDIT ACT OF 2016"; TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX
3	CREDIT (EITC) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT
4	AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW- AND
5	MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES SEEKING EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR THEIR
6	CHILDREN; TO AUTHORIZE THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESS FIRMS
7	MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFIED EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
8	ORGANIZATIONS OR EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND TO
9	PROVIDE STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS FOR SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS; TO
L 0	PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED BY AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT FROM
L1	A SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION ARE DEDUCTIBLE AS AN ADJUSTMENT TO
L2	GROSS INCOME; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
L3	IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
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business in this state and subject to taxes imposed under the

- 24 Mississippi Income Tax Law, Section 27-7-1 et seq. The term
- 25 includes a pass-through entity. For purposes of this section, a
- 26 business firm shall be included in one (1) of the following
- 27 groups:
- 28 (i) Group 1 includes any business firm that is
- 29 either entering the second year of a two-year commitment or
- 30 applying for tax credits for a contribution to an educational
- 31 improvement organization that is also a school district
- 32 foundation, public school foundation or charter school foundation.
- 33 (ii) Group 2 includes any business firm other than
- 34 a business firm in Group 1.
- 35 (b) "Contribution" means a donation of cash, personal
- 36 property or services, the value of which is the net cost of the
- 37 donation to the donor or the pro rata hourly wage, including
- 38 benefits, of the individual performing the services.
- 39 (c) "Authority" means the Mississippi Development
- 40 Authority.
- 41 (d) "Educational improvement organization" means a
- 42 nonprofit entity which:
- 43 (i) Is exempt from federal taxation under Section
- 44 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514,
- 45 26 USC Section 1 et seq.); and
- 46 (ii) Contributes at least eighty percent (80%) of
- 47 its annual receipts as grants to a public school for innovative
- 48 educational programs.

49	For purposes of this definition, a nonprofit entity
50	"contributes" its annual cash receipts when it expends or
51	otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds for expenditure during
52	the then-current fiscal year of the nonprofit entity or during the
53	next succeeding fiscal year of the nonprofit entity. A "nonprofit
54	entity" includes a school district foundation, public school

- (e) "Eligible student" means a school-age student,
  including an eligible student with a disability, who is enrolled
  in a school and is a member of a household with a maximum annual
  household income as increased by the applicable income allowance.
- 60 (f) "Eligible student with a disability" means a 61 school-age student who meets all of the following:
  - (i) Is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified, in accordance with applicable state and federal law relating to special education services and programs as a "child with a disability," as defined in 34 CFR Section 300.8 (relating to a child with a disability).
- 67 (ii) Needs special education and related services.
- 68 (iii) Is enrolled in a school.

foundation or charter school foundation.

- 69 (iv) Is a member of a household with a household 70 income of not more than the maximum annual household income.
- 71 (g) "Household" means an individual living alone or
  72 with the following: a spouse, parent and their unemancipated
  73 minor children, other unemancipated minor children who are related

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- 74 by blood or marriage, or other adults or unemancipated minor
- 75 children living in the household who are dependent upon the
- 76 individual.
- 77 (h) "Household income" means all monies or property
- 78 received of whatever nature and from whatever source derived. The
- 79 term does not include the following:
- 80 (i) Periodic payments for sickness and disability
- 81 other than regular wages received during a period of sickness or
- 82 disability.
- 83 (ii) Disability, retirement or other payments
- 84 arising under workers' compensation acts, occupational disease
- 85 acts, and similar legislation by any government.
- 86 (iii) Payments commonly recognized as old-age or
- 87 retirement benefits paid to persons retired from service after
- 88 reaching a specific age or after a stated period of employment.
- 89 (iv) Payments commonly known as public assistance
- 90 or unemployment compensation payments by a governmental agency.
- 91 (v) Payments to reimburse actual expenses.
- 92 (vi) Payments made by employers or labor unions
- 93 for programs covering hospitalization, sickness, disability or
- 94 death, supplemental unemployment benefits, strike benefits, social
- 95 security and retirement.
- 96 (vii) Compensation received by United States
- 97 servicemen serving in a combat zone.
- 98 (i) "Income allowance" means:

99 (i)	Subject	to subparagraph	(ii) of this
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- 100 paragraph, the amount of:
- 101 1. Before July 1, 2017, Ten Thousand Dollars
- 102 (\$10,000.00) for each eligible student and dependent member of a
- 103 household.
- 104 2. After June 30, 2018, Twelve Thousand
- 105 Dollars (\$12,000.00) for each eligible student and dependent
- 106 member of a household.
- 107 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2019, the Mississippi
- 108 Development Authority shall annually adjust the income allowance
- 109 amounts under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to reflect any
- 110 upward changes in the Consumer Price Index for all consumers for
- 111 the Mississippi area in the preceding twelve (12) months and shall
- 112 immediately submit the adjusted amounts to the Secretary of State
- 113 for publication as a notice.
- 114 (j) "Innovative educational program" means an advanced
- 115 academic or similar program that is not part of the regular
- 116 academic program of a public school but that enhances the
- 117 curriculum or academic program of the public school.
- 118 (k) "Maximum annual household income" means:
- (i) Except as stated in subparagraph (ii) of this
- 120 paragraph and subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the
- 121 following:
- 12. Before July 1, 2016, not more than Fifty
- 123 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

124	2. After June 30, 2016, not more than Sixty
125	Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).
126	(ii) With respect to an eligible student with a
127	disability, as calculated by multiplying the sum of:
128	1. The applicable amount under subparagraph
129	(i) of this paragraph; and
130	2. The applicable income allowance; by
131	3. The applicable support level factor
132	according to the following table:
133	Support Level Support Level Factor
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135	2 2.993
136	(iii) Beginning July 1, 2017, the Mississippi
137	Development Authority shall annually adjust the income amounts
138	under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph to reflect any
139	upward changes in the Consumer Price Index for all consumers for
140	the Mississippi area in the preceding twelve (12) months and shall
141	immediately submit the adjusted amounts to the Secretary of State
142	for publication as a notice.
143	(1) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership or a
144	single-member limited liability company treated as a disregarded
145	entity for federal income tax purposes or a Mississippi S
146	Corporation as defined in Section 27-8-1.
147	(m) "Scholarship" means an award under a scholarship
148	program.

149		(n)	"Scholarship	organization"	means	a	nonprofit	entity
150	that:							

- 151 (i) Is exempt from federal taxation under Section
- 152 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514,
- 153 26 USC Section 1 et seq.); and
- 154 (ii) Contributes at least eighty percent (80%) of
- 155 its annual cash receipts to a scholarship program. For purposes
- 156 of this definition, a nonprofit entity "contributes" its annual
- 157 cash receipts to a scholarship program when it expends or
- 158 otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds for distribution
- 159 during the then-current fiscal year of the nonprofit entity or
- 160 during the next succeeding fiscal year of the nonprofit entity.
- 161 (o) "Scholarship program" means a program to provide
- 162 tuition to eligible students to attend a school located in this
- 163 state. A scholarship program must include an application and
- 164 review process for the purpose of making awards to eligible
- 165 students. The award of scholarships to eligible students shall be
- 166 made without limiting availability to only students of one (1)
- 167 school.
- 168 (p) "School" means an elementary school or secondary
- 169 school at which the compulsory attendance requirements of the
- 170 state may be met.
- 171 (q) "School age" means from the earliest admission age
- 172 to a school's kindergarten program or, when no kindergarten
- 173 program is provided, the school's earliest admission age for

174 students, until the end of the school year the student attains
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- 175 twenty-one (21) years of age or graduation from high school,
- 176 whichever occurs first.
- 177 (r) "Special education school" means a school or
- 178 program within a school that is designated specifically and
- 179 exclusively for students with any of the disabilities listed in 34
- 180 CFR Section 300.8 (relating to a child with a disability) and
- 181 meets one (1) of the following:
- 182 (i) Is licensed;
- 183 (ii) Is accredited by an accrediting association
- 184 approved by the State Board of Education;
- 185 (iii) Is a school for the blind or deaf receiving
- 186 state appropriations; or
- 187 (iv) Is operated by or under the authority of a
- 188 bona fide religious institution or by the state or any political
- 189 subdivision thereof.
- 190 (s) "Support level" means the level of support needed
- 191 by an eligible student with a disability, as stated in the
- 192 following:
- 193 (i) Support level 1. The student is not enrolled
- 194 in a special education school.
- 195 (ii) Support level 2. The student is enrolled in
- 196 a special education school.
- 197 (t) "Tax credit" means the educational improvement tax
- 198 credit established under this section.

199 SECTION 3. Qualification and application.	(1)	. )
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- 200 **Establishment**. An educational improvement tax credit program is 201 established to enhance the educational opportunities available to
- 202 all students in this state.
- 203 (2) Information. In order to qualify under this section, a
- 204 scholarship organization or an educational improvement
- 205 organization must submit information to the Mississippi
- 206 Development Authority that enables the authority to confirm that
- 207 the organization is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3)
- 208 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 209 (3) **Scholarship organizations.** A scholarship organization
- 210 must certify to the authority that the organization is eligible to
- 211 participate in the program established under this section and must
- 212 agree to annually report the following information to the
- 213 authority by September 1 of each year:
- (a) (i) The number of scholarships awarded during the
- 215 immediately preceding school year to eligible students.
- 216 (ii) The total and average amounts of scholarships
- 217 awarded during the immediately preceding school year to eligible
- 218 students.
- 219 (iii) The number of scholarships awarded during
- 220 the immediately preceding school year to eligible students in
- 221 Kindergarten through Grade 8.



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- (v) The number of scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding school year to eligible students in Grades 9 through 12.
- (vi) The total and average amounts of scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding school year to eligible students in Grades 9 through 12.
- (vii) Where the scholarship organization collects information on a county-by-county basis, the total number and the total dollar amount of scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding school year to residents of each county in which the scholarship organization awarded scholarships.
- (b) The information required under paragraph (a) of
  this subsection shall be submitted on a form provided by the
  authority. No later than May 1 of each year, the authority shall
  annually distribute such sample forms, together with the forms on
  which the reports are required to be made, to each listed
  scholarship organization.
- 242 (c) The authority may not require any other information 243 to be provided by scholarship organizations, except as expressly 244 authorized in this section.
- 245 (4) **Educational improvement organization**. (a) An 246 application submitted by an educational improvement organization

247	must describe its proposed innovative educational program or
248	programs in a form prescribed by the authority. In prescribing
249	the form, the authority shall consult with the Department of
250	Education as necessary. The authority shall review and approve or
251	disapprove the application. In order to be eligible to
252	participate in the program established under this section, an
253	educational improvement organization must agree to annually report
254	the following information to the authority by September 1 of each
255	year:
256	(i) The name of the innovative educational program
257	or programs and the total amount of the grant or grants made to
258	those programs during the immediately preceding school year.
259	(ii) A description of how each grant was utilized
260	during the immediately preceding school year and a description of

(iii) The names of the public schools and school
districts where innovative educational programs that received
grants during the immediately preceding school year were

any demonstrated or expected innovative educational improvements.

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(iv) Where the educational improvement
organization collects information on a county-by-county basis, the
total number and the total dollar amount of grants made during the
immediately preceding school year for programs at public schools
in each county in which the educational improvement organization
made grants.

272	(b) The information required under paragraph (a) of
273	this subsection shall be submitted on a form provided by the
274	authority. No later than May 1 of each year, the authority shall
275	annually distribute such sample forms, together with the forms on
276	which the reports are required to be made, to each listed
277	educational improvement organization.

- (c) The authority may not require any other information to be provided by educational improvement organizations, except as expressly authorized in this section.
- 281 (5) **Notification.** The authority shall notify the
  282 scholarship organization or educational improvement organization
  283 that the organization meets the requirements of this section for
  284 that fiscal year no later than sixty (60) days after the
  285 organization has submitted the information required under this
  286 section.
- 287 (6) **Publication**. The authority shall annually publish a
  288 list of each scholarship organization or educational improvement
  289 organization qualified under this section. The list shall also be
  290 posted and updated as necessary on the publicly accessible
  291 Internet website of the authority.
- 292 <u>SECTION 4.</u> Application. (1) Scholarship organization. In 293 order to receive a tax credit, a business firm shall apply to the 294 authority. A business firm shall receive a tax credit if the 295 scholarship organization that receives the contribution appears on 296 the list established under Section 3 of this act.

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297	(2) Educational improvement organization. In order to
298	receive a tax credit, a business firm shall apply to the
299	authority. A business firm shall receive a tax credit if the
300	authority has approved the program provided by the educational
301	improvement organization that receives the contribution.

- (3) **Contributions.** A contribution by a business firm to a scholarship organization or educational improvement organization shall be made no later than sixty (60) days following the approval of an application under subsection (1) or (2) of this section.
- improvement organizations. In accordance with Sections 1 through 8 of this act, the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall grant a tax credit against any income tax due to a business firm providing proof of a contribution to a scholarship organization or educational improvement organization in the taxable year in which the contribution is made which shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount contributed during the taxable year by the business firm. The tax credit shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) annually per business firm for contributions made to scholarship organizations or educational improvement organizations.
- 318 (2) Additional amount. The Mississippi Department of
  319 Revenue shall grant a tax credit of up to eighty percent (80%) of
  320 the total amount contributed during the taxable year if the
  321 business firm provides a written commitment to provide the

322	scholarship organization or educational improvement organization
323	with the same amount of contribution for two (2) consecutive tax
324	years. The business firm must provide the written commitment
325	under this subsection to the authority at the time of application.

- tax credits from the Department of Revenue in any tax year for any combination of contributions under subsection (1) or (2) of this section. In no case may a business firm receive tax credits in any tax year in excess of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for contributions under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.
- 333 Pass-through entity. (a) If a pass-through entity does 334 not intend to use all approved tax credits under this section, it 335 may elect in writing to transfer all or a portion of the tax credit to shareholders, members or partners in proportion to the 336 337 share of the entity's distributive income to which the 338 shareholder, member or partner is entitled for use in the taxable year in which the contribution is made or in the taxable year 339 340 immediately following the year in which the contribution is made. 341 The election shall designate the year in which the transferred tax 342 credits are to be used and shall be made according to procedures 343 established by the Department of Revenue.
- 344 (b) A pass-through entity and a shareholder, member or 345 partner of a pass-through entity shall not claim the tax credit 346 under this section for the same contribution.

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348	carryforward,	carryback,	obtain	a	refund	of,	or	sell	or	assign	the
349	tax credit.										

- 350 (d) The shareholder, member or partner may claim the 351 credit on a joint return, but the tax credit may not exceed the 352 separate income of that shareholder, member or partner.
- 353 (5) Restriction on applicability of credits. No tax credits 354 shall be applied against any tax withheld by an employer from an 355 employee.
- 356 (6) **Time of application for credits.** (a) The authority may accept applications beginning on May 15 from business firms for tax credits available during a fiscal year that is to begin on July 1.
- 360 (b) If, on July 1 of a fiscal year, applications for
  361 tax credits available during the fiscal year exceed the total
  362 aggregate amount of tax credits available for the fiscal year, the
  363 authority shall approve applications for tax credits on the
  364 following basis, subject to the provisions of this section:
  - (i) Group 1 firms whose applications were received by July 1 shall be accorded first priority in the approval of tax credit applications. If tax credits applied for by Group 1 firms exceed the total aggregate amount of tax credits available for the program under Section 6 of this act, the authority shall approve on a pro rata basis the applications of all Group 1 firms that applied by July 1, and the applications of Group 2 and Group 3

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373 this subparagraph shall not disqualify a Group 1 firm from receiving an eighty percent (80%) tax credit under subsection (2) 374 375 of this section even if the amount of tax credit approved would 376 require the Group 1 firm to make a lower scholarship contribution 377 in the second year of a two-year commitment. 378 (ii) If tax credits remain available after credits 379 have been awarded under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, Group 380 2 firms whose applications were received by July 1 shall be 381 accorded priority in the approval of applications for the 382 remaining tax credits. If the sum of the tax credits approved 383 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and the credits applied 384 for by Group 2 firms exceeds the total aggregate amount of tax 385 credits available for the program under Section 6 of this act, the 386 authority shall approve on a pro rata basis the applications for 387 the remaining tax credits submitted by all Group 2 firms that 388 applied by July 1, and the applications of Group 3 firms shall be

firms shall be denied. Approval of a reduced tax credit under

(iii) If tax credits remain available on July 1

391 after credits have been awarded under subparagraphs (i) and (ii)

392 of this paragraph, applications of Group 3 firms shall be

393 approved, on a pro rata basis within that group if necessary.

394 Thereafter, the authority shall approve the applications of all

395 business firms on a daily basis. If, on any day after July 1, the

396 cumulative sum of the tax credits approved and the tax credits

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applied for on that day exceeds the total aggregate amount of tax credits available for the program under Section 6 of this act, the authority shall approve on a pro rata basis the applications received on that day.

401 SECTION 6. Limitations. (1)Amount. (a) For the fiscal 402 years 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, the total aggregate 403 amount of all tax credits approved for scholarship organizations 404 and educational improvement organizations shall not exceed 405 Ninety-two Million Dollars (\$92,000,000.00) in a fiscal year. 406 less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total aggregate amount 407 of all tax credits approved shall be used to provide tax credits 408 for contributions from business firms to scholarship 409 organizations. No less than twenty-five (25%) of the total 410 aggregate amount of all tax credits approved shall be used to provide tax credits for contributions from business firms to 411 412 educational improvement organizations.

(i) From the tax credits for contributions by business firms to educational improvement organizations, twenty percent (20%) of the available amount shall initially be set aside for contributions by business firms to educational improvement organizations that are also school district foundations, public school foundations, or charter school foundations and shall be distributed in accordance with Section 5 of this act.

420 (ii) Tax credits remaining from the amount set 421 aside in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph after July 1 of each

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- 423 to any educational improvement organization and shall be
- 424 distributed in accordance with Section 5 of this act.
- 425 (b) (i) Subject to adjustment under subparagraph (ii)
- 426 of this paragraph, in the fiscal year 2018-2019 and each fiscal
- 427 year thereafter, the total aggregate amount of all tax credits
- 428 available shall equal the total aggregate amount of all tax
- 429 credits available in the prior fiscal year.
- 430 (ii) Beginning in the fiscal year 2018-2019, in
- 431 any fiscal year in which the total aggregate amount of all tax
- 432 credits approved for the prior fiscal year is equal to or greater
- 433 than ninety percent (90%) of the total aggregate amount of all tax
- 434 credits available for the prior fiscal year, the total aggregate
- 435 amount of all tax credits available shall increase by five percent
- 436 (5%). The authority shall publish on its Internet website the
- 437 total aggregate amount of all tax credits available when the
- 438 amount is increased under this paragraph.
- 439 (2) **Activities.** No tax credit shall be approved for
- 440 activities that are a part of a business firm's normal course of
- 441 business.
- 442 (3) **Tax liability.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b)
- 443 of this subsection, a tax credit granted for any one (1) taxable
- 444 year may not exceed the tax liability of a business firm.
- (b) In the case of a credit granted to a pass-through
- 446 entity which elects to transfer the credit according to Section 5

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- 447 of this act, a tax credit granted for any one (1) taxable year and
- 448 transferred to a shareholder, member or partner may not exceed the
- 449 tax liability of the shareholder, member or partner.
- 450 (4) **Use.** A tax credit not used by the applicant in the
- 451 taxable year the contribution was made or in the year designated
- 452 by the shareholder, member or partner to whom the credit was
- 453 transferred may not be carried forward or carried back and is not
- 454 refundable or transferable.
- 455 (5) **Nontaxable income.** A scholarship received by an
- 456 eligible student shall be deductible as an adjustment to gross
- 457 income under the Mississippi Income Tax Law as provided in Section
- 458 27-7-18.
- 459 **SECTION 7. Lists.** The Department of Revenue shall provide
- 460 to the Legislature, by June 30 of each year, a list of all
- 461 scholarship organizations and educational improvement
- 462 organizations that receive contributions from business firms
- 463 granted a tax credit.
- 464 **SECTION 8. Guidelines.** The Mississippi Development
- 465 Authority, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
- 466 develop guidelines to determine the eligibility of an innovative
- 467 educational program.
- 468 **SECTION 9.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall be
- 469 codified in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.
- 470 **SECTION 10.** Section 27-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 471 amended as follows:

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- 472 27-7-18. (1) Alimony payments. In the case of a person
  473 described in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), there shall be allowed as a
  474 deduction from gross income amounts paid as periodic payments to
  475 the extent of such amounts as are includible in the gross income
  476 of the spouse as provided in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), payment of
  477 which is made within the person's taxable year.
- 1994, are deductible as an adjustment to gross income in
  accordance with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue
  Code, and rules, regulations and revenue procedures thereunder
  relating to moving expenses, not in direct conflict with the
  provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.
  - (3) Amounts paid after December 31, 1998, by a self-employed individual for insurance which constitute medical care for the taxpayer, his spouse and dependents, are deductible as an adjustment to gross income in accordance with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and rules, regulations and revenue procedures thereunder relating to such payments, not in direct conflict with the provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.
- (4) Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable
  College Savings (MACS) Program account are deductible from gross
  income as provided in Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a
  prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi

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- 498 (5) (a) Unreimbursed travel expenses, lodging expenses and
  499 lost wages an individual incurred as a result of, and related to,
  500 the donation, while living, of one or more of his or her organs
  501 for human organ transplantation, are deductible from gross income.
  502 The deduction from gross income authorized by this subsection may
  503 be claimed for only once and may not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
  504 (\$10,000.00).
- 505 (b) As used in this subsection, "organ" means all or 506 part of a liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung or bone marrow.
- 507 (6) Scholarships received by an eligible student from a

  508 scholarship organization as defined in Section 2 of this act that

  509 has qualified under Section 3 of this act are deductible as an

  510 adjustment to gross income.
- SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.