

By: Representative Criswell

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1378

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-101-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
 2 1972, TO REQUIRE EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO  
 3 DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE FLAG OF THE  
 4 UNITED STATES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION  
 5 BUILDING DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT WHEN THE INSTITUTION IS IN  
 6 SESSION; TO REQUIRE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO LOWER  
 7 THE UNITED STATES FLAG WHENEVER THE FLAG IS TO BE FLOWN AT  
 8 HALF-STAFF BY ORDER OR INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
 9 STATES OR PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
 12 37-101-28, Mississippi Code of 1972:

13 37-101-28. (1) At each state institution of higher  
 14 learning, the flag of the State of Mississippi and the flag of the  
 15 United States shall be displayed in close proximity to the  
 16 university administration building at all times during the hours  
 17 of daylight when the institution is in session when the weather  
 18 will permit without damage to the flag. It shall be the duty of  
 19 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to  
 20 provide for the flags and their display at the institutions.



21 (2) Whenever the flag of the United States is to be flown at  
22 half-staff by order or instructions of the President of the United  
23 States or pursuant to federal law, all state institutions of  
24 higher learning shall lower the United States flag in accordance  
25 with the executive order or instructions or federal law. The  
26 institution shall announce the reason that the flag is being flown  
27 at half-staff by prominently displaying written notice throughout  
28 the institution and providing electronic notice to the students  
29 and faculty stating the reason that the flag has been lowered.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2018.

