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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2049

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF
3 THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN MISSISSIPPI SHALL BE
4 DEEMED AN IN-STATE RESIDENT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING TUITION AT
5 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO
6 PROVIDE THAT SUCH SPOUSE OR CHILD MAY CONTINUE TO BE DESIGNATED AS
7 AN IN-STATE RESIDENT IF HE OR SHE MAINTAINS CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT
8 IN GOOD STANDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 37-103-19. (1) Resident status of a spouse or child of a
13 member of the Armed Forces of the United States on extended active
14 duty shall be that of the military spouse or parent for the
15 purpose of attending state-supported institutions of higher
16 learning and community/junior colleges of the State of Mississippi
17 during the time that the military spouse or parent is stationed
18 within the State of Mississippi and shall be continued through the
19 time that the military spouse or parent is stationed in an
20 overseas area with last duty assignment within the State of
21 Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route



22 from Mississippi. Resident status of a spouse or minor child
23 terminates upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station
24 Orders of the military spouse or parent for duty in the
25 continental United States outside the State of Mississippi,
26 excepting temporary training assignments en route from
27 Mississippi * * *. However, except for spouses who enroll at a
28 professional school or college, spouses or children of members of
29 the Armed Forces who attain Mississippi residency in accordance
30 with the * * * provisions * * * of this subsection and who enroll
31 full time in a Mississippi institution of higher learning or
32 community/junior college * * * shall maintain their residency
33 status so long as they remain enrolled * * * in good standing at a
34 Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior
35 college. Enrollment during summer school is not required to
36 maintain such resident status.

37 (2) The spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of
38 the United States who dies or is killed is entitled to pay the
39 resident tuition fee if the spouse or child becomes a resident of
40 Mississippi within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of
41 death.

42 (3) If a member of the Armed Forces of the United States is
43 stationed outside Mississippi and the member's spouse or child
44 establishes residence in Mississippi and registers with the
45 Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior
46 college at which the spouse or child plans to attend, the



47 institution of higher education or community/junior college shall
48 permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other
49 charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to
50 length of time that the spouse or child has resided in
51 Mississippi.

52 (4) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
53 child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United
54 States who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate
55 provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this
56 section * * * shall maintain resident classification for tuition
57 and fee purposes as long as he or she is continuously
58 enrolled * * * at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or
59 community/junior college. A student may withdraw or may choose
60 not to reenroll for no more than one (1) semester or term while
61 pursuing a degree or certificate without losing resident status
62 only if that student provides sufficient documentation by a
63 physician that the student has a medical condition that requires
64 withdrawal or nonenrollment. For purposes of this subsection, a
65 person is not required to enroll in a summer term to remain
66 continuously enrolled in a degree or certificate program. The
67 person's eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided
68 for Mississippi residents under this subsection does not terminate
69 because the person is no longer a member of the Armed Forces of
70 the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed
71 Forces of the United States.



72 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2019.

