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To: Universities and  
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2053

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS  
2 OF HIGHER LEARNING AND THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO  
3 ADOPT POLICIES REQUIRING THE AWARD OF EDUCATIONAL CREDITS FOR  
4 COURSES THAT ARE PART OF A STUDENT'S MILITARY TRAINING OR SERVICE;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
8 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community and  
9 junior colleges shall adopt policies requiring the award of  
10 educational credits to any student who is enrolled in a public  
11 institution of higher learning, community or junior college, and  
12 is also a veteran, for courses that are part of the student's  
13 military training or service, that meet the standards of the  
14 American Council on Education or equivalent standards for awarding  
15 academic credit, and that are determined by the academic  
16 department or appropriate faculty of the awarding institution to  
17 be equivalent in content or experience to courses at that  
18 institution. Credits shall be awarded in accordance with Southern



19 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges  
20 standards.

21 (2) Each board shall adopt the necessary rules, regulations  
22 and procedures to implement the provisions of this act, effective  
23 no later than the 2020-2021 academic year and continuing  
24 thereafter.

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

