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To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 922

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-101-1, 37-101-91, 37-101-141,
2 37-101-147, 37-101-181, 37-121-3 AND 37-121-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
3 1972, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AND CERTAIN
4 OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE MISSISSIPPI
5 CODE TO REFLECT CURRENT NAME DESIGNATION; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-101-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-101-1. The following state institutions of higher
11 learning shall be under the management and control of a board of
12 trustees to be known as the Board of Trustees of State
13 Institutions of Higher Learning, namely:

- 14 (a) The University of Mississippi;
- 15 (b) * * * Mississippi State University of Agriculture
16 and Applied Science;
- 17 (c) * * * Mississippi * * * University for Women;
- 18 (d) The University of Southern Mississippi;
- 19 (e) * * * Delta State * * * University;
- 20 (f) * * * Alcorn * * * State University;



- 21 (g) * * * Jackson State * * * University;
- 22 (h) * * * Mississippi Valley State * * * University;
- 23 (i) And any other of like kind which may be hereafter
- 24 established by the state * * *.

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26 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-101-91, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

27 amended as follows:

28 37-101-91. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of

29 Higher Learning is hereby authorized and empowered to contract

30 with and borrow money from the United States of America, or any

31 department, instrumentality, or agency thereof, as may be

32 designated or created to make loans and grants, or from private

33 lenders, at an overall rate of interest to maturity not to exceed

34 that allowed in Section 75-17-103, for the purpose of acquiring

35 land for, and erecting, repairing, remodeling, maintaining, adding

36 to, extending, improving, equipping, or acquiring dormitories,

37 dwellings, apartments, athletic stadium, gymnasiums, student union

38 buildings, student service centers, athletic fields, swimming

39 pools, parking facilities, cafeterias, dining halls, and/or other

40 revenue producing facilities, to be located at or near the

41 campuses of the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State

42 University of Agriculture and Applied Science, Mississippi * * *

43 University for Women, Alcorn * * * State University, University of

44 Southern Mississippi, Delta State * * * University, Jackson



45 State * * * University, Mississippi Valley State * * * University,
46 and Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

47 In agreements or commitments by or between the aforesaid
48 board of trustees and private lenders and/or the U.S. Department
49 of Housing and Urban Development to make loans or grants for the
50 construction of dormitories in which bonds are to be issued under
51 the provisions of Sections 37-101-91 through 37-101-103, and in
52 which part or all of the principal and/or interest on said bonds
53 is to be paid or guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Housing and
54 Urban Development, said bonds shall bear a net interest rate not
55 in excess of that allowed in Section 75-17-103.

56 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section,
57 bonds referred to hereinabove may be issued pursuant to the
58 supplemental powers and authorizations conferred by the provisions
59 of the Registered Bond Act, being Sections 31-21-1 through
60 31-21-7.

61 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-101-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
62 amended as follows:

63 37-101-141. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
64 Higher Learning is hereby authorized and empowered, in its
65 discretion, to sell and dispose of the timber, trees, dead wood
66 and stumps standing, growing and being upon the lands granted to
67 the State of Mississippi for the use and benefit of the University
68 of Mississippi by an act of Congress of the United States approved
69 June 20, 1894, and upon the lands granted to the State of



70 Mississippi for the use and benefit of Mississippi * * *
71 University for Women by an act of Congress of the United States
72 approved March 2, 1895, and upon the lands granted to the State of
73 Mississippi for the use and benefit of Mississippi State
74 University of Agriculture and Applied Science, and Alcorn * * *
75 State University by an act of Congress of the United States
76 approved February 20, 1895, whenever the sale or disposition of
77 such timber shall be to the best advantage of the institutions
78 named herein. Such timber shall be sold and disposed of under the
79 direction and specifications of the State Forestry Commission in
80 accordance with sound and efficient principles of forestry
81 management and conservation.

82 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-101-147, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
83 amended as follows:

84 37-101-147. All leases and conveyances of timber, trees,
85 dead wood and stumps, and all oil, gas and mineral leases, or
86 leases for other purposes, provided for in Sections 37-101-141 and
87 37-101-143, shall be executed by the President of the Board of
88 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and attested by
89 the Commissioner of Higher Education, respectively, for and on
90 behalf of the University of Mississippi, Mississippi * * *
91 University for Women, Mississippi State University of Agriculture
92 and Applied Science and Alcorn * * * State University, as the case
93 may be. The corporate seal of the proper institution shall be
94 affixed to all conveyances and leases of the lands held for the



95 use and benefit of such institutions. In all such cases such
96 conveyances and leases shall be executed only upon the order or
97 resolution of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
98 Higher Learning in the manner and method hereinbefore set forth.

99 **SECTION 5.** Section 37-101-181, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
100 amended as follows:

101 37-101-181. Any member of the faculties of Alcorn * * *
102 State University, Jackson State * * * University, and Mississippi
103 Valley State * * * University shall be eligible for leave of
104 absence to pursue advanced academic training so as to elevate the
105 scholastic qualifications of the faculties of these
106 above-mentioned colleges, in line with the requirements of the
107 several accrediting agencies.

108 In order to provide for the above leaves, the Board of
109 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall have power
110 to adopt rules and regulations regarding such leave. In no
111 instance shall leave be granted unless there is a contract
112 providing for continued service, after expiration of the leave, in
113 the college where the faculty member is employed.

114 The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
115 Learning is hereby authorized to make payment of salary, or such
116 part of salary as may be decided, of such faculty members who are
117 under contract for academic leaves.

118 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-121-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
119 amended as follows:



120 37-121-3. All the provisions in Chapter 113 of this title,
121 being sections applicable to the Mississippi State University of
122 Agriculture and Applied Science, that can reasonably apply to
123 Alcorn * * * State University, shall apply to the college, except
124 those sections on the subject of apportioning students among the
125 several counties of the state and dormitory privileges for them
126 and those sections on the subject of agricultural experimental
127 stations.

128 **SECTION 7.** Section 37-121-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
129 amended as follows:

130 37-121-5. The Mississippi agricultural and forestry
131 experimental station is * * * authorized to establish a branch at
132 Alcorn * * * State University, Lorman, Mississippi, for the
133 purpose of providing an organization for cooperative effort
134 between the two land grant institutions in furthering a unified
135 agricultural research program for the State of Mississippi.

136 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
137 and after its passage.

