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To: Universities and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2344

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-125-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL CONSTRUCT A
3 SIX HUNDRED ROOM STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT FOR ALL ELIGIBLE
4 STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS MAY BE HOUSED IN SUCH HOUSING
5 PROJECT ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS OR BY ANY OTHER LEGAL
6 PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY; TO PROVIDE THAT
7 THE PROJECT SHALL NOT BE EXEMPT FROM ANY CONTRACTING, BIDDING OR
8 OTHER RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY EXISTING IN STATUTE OR ANY RULE OR
9 REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
10 OF HIGHER LEARNING PERTAINING TO SUCH CONSTRUCTION; AND FOR
11 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
14 37-125-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

15 37-125-9. (1) Jackson State University shall construct a
16 six hundred (600) room student housing project for all eligible
17 students. Students may be housed in such housing project on a
18 first-come, first-served basis or by any other legal procedure
19 established by Jackson State University.

20 (2) This section shall not exempt such construction from any
21 contracting, bidding or other restrictions currently existing in
22 statute or any rule or regulation adopted by the Board of Trustees



23 of State Institutions of Higher Learning pertaining to such
24 construction.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2024.

