

By: Senator(s) Younger

To: Universities and  
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2560

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 37-117-1, 37-117-3,  
2 37-117-5, 37-117-7, 37-117-9 AND 37-117-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
3 1972, RELATING TO THE MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN FOR  
4 PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-117-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 brought forward as follows:

8 37-117-1. The institution incorporated by the act of the  
9 Legislature, approved March 12, 1884, and established in pursuance  
10 thereof, shall continue to exist as a body politic and corporate  
11 by the name of the "Mississippi College for Women," with all its  
12 property and franchises, rights, powers and privileges conferred  
13 on it by law, or properly incident to such a body and necessary to  
14 accomplish the purpose of its creation; said college may receive  
15 and hold all real estate and personal property conveyed or given  
16 to it for such purposes. However, the name "Mississippi State  
17 College for Women" is hereafter changed to "Mississippi University  
18 for Women," without interference with the rights, powers and  
19 prerogatives of said college which continue in all respects.



20 Whenever the name "Mississippi College for Women" appears the same  
21 is construed to denote "Mississippi University for Women."

22 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-117-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
23 brought forward as follows:

24 37-117-3. The purpose and aim of the Mississippi State  
25 College for Women is the moral and intellectual advancement of the  
26 girls of the state by the maintenance of a first-class institution  
27 for their education in the arts and sciences, for their training  
28 in normal school methods and kindergarten, for their instruction  
29 in bookkeeping, photography, stenography, telegraphy, and  
30 typewriting, and in designing, drawing, engraving, and painting,  
31 and their industrial application, and for their instruction in  
32 fancy, general and practical needlework, and in such other  
33 industrial branches as experience, from time to time, shall  
34 suggest as necessary or proper to fit them for the practical  
35 affairs of life.

36 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-117-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
37 brought forward as follows:

38 37-117-5. The right belongs to each county to have a number  
39 of girls admitted, proportionate to its number of educable girls  
40 as compared with the whole number in the state. The total  
41 attendance at any session shall not exceed the entire allotment to  
42 the several counties for such session.

43 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-117-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
44 brought forward as follows:



45           37-117-7. The apportionment of students to be admitted to  
46 the Mississippi State College for Women shall be made and  
47 announced by the president of the college annually, and  
48 communicated to the county superintendents of education by the  
49 first of August, or as soon thereafter as practicable. No  
50 applicant under sixteen years of age shall be admitted to the  
51 institution.

52           **SECTION 5.** Section 37-117-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
53 brought forward as follows:

54           37-117-9. The superintendent of education of each county,  
55 after due notice published, shall examine applicants, not  
56 qualified to enter by certificate from an accredited school, upon  
57 questions prepared and submitted by the president of the  
58 Mississippi State College for Women, and, with the consent of the  
59 board of supervisors, shall give certificates of selection to the  
60 number of girls to which his county is entitled, in addition to  
61 those already in the said college, if any. County superintendents  
62 shall make their appointments of students to the said college not  
63 later than July 1 of each year.

64           The certificate of selection shall be attested by the clerk  
65 of the board of supervisors, under its seal, and shall entitle the  
66 holder to admission into the said college, with all the privileges  
67 thereof, to pursue all the industrial branches selected, and to  
68 enter the subclass or class for which she is fitted.



69           **SECTION 6.** Section 37-117-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
70 brought forward as follows:

71           37-117-11. The privilege of rooming in the dormitories at  
72 the Mississippi State College for Women belongs to the free  
73 students, and to the due quota of girls from each county, in  
74 preference to all others. The basis of apportionment is hereby  
75 fixed at the present dormitory capacity. However, this provision  
76 shall not be construed to exclude pupils from free tuition who pay  
77 their board elsewhere.

78           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
79 and after July 1, 2024.

