

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2526

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
8 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community
9 colleges and junior colleges are authorized to prescribe the
10 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the
11 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and
12 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of
13 Mississippi.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and
15 subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the total tuition to be
16 paid by residents of other states shall not be less than the
17 average cost per student from appropriated funds. However, the
18 tuition to be paid by a resident of another state shall be equal
19 to the tuition amount established under subsection (1) of this
20 section if:

21 (a) * * * The nonresident is a "covered individual"
22 under Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and
23 Accountability Act of 2014. A nonresident veteran, as defined by
24 Title 38 of the United States Code or a person entitled to
25 education benefits under Title 38 of the United States Code who is
26 not a covered individual under Section 702 of the Veterans Access,
27 Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, but qualifies for Yellow
28 Ribbon Program funds shall be charged nonresident tuition provided
29 the state institution of higher learning and community or junior
30 college participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and provides a
31 scholarship (including Yellow Ribbon Program funds) that results
32 in the nonresident veteran or person entitled to education
33 benefits under Title 38 paying tuition equal to the amount
34 established under subsection (1) of this section. All other
35 nonresident veterans, as defined by Title 38 of the United States
36 Code and other persons entitled to education benefits under Title
37 38, except those enrolled in a professional school or college,
38 shall be charged tuition equal to the amount established under
39 subsection (1) of this section. This paragraph (a) shall be
40 administered and interpreted in the manner necessary to obtain or
41 retain approval of courses of education by the Secretary of the
42 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and in a manner
43 necessary to allow a nonresident veteran or a person entitled to
44 education benefits under Title 38 of the United States Code and
45 state institutions of higher learning and community and junior

colleges to fully participate and receive Yellow Ribbon Program
funds;

(b) The nonresident student is an evacuee of an area affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. This waiver shall be applicable to the 2005-2006 school year only * * *; and

(c) The nonresident student's out-of-state tuition was waived according to subsection (3) or (4) of this section.

(3) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may, in its discretion, consider and grant requests to approve institution specific policies permitting the waiver of out-of-state tuition when such an official request is made by the president or chancellor of the institution and when such request is determined by the board to be fiscally responsible and in accordance with the educational mission of the requesting institution.

(4) The board of trustees of any community college or junior college may develop and implement a policy for waiving out-of-state tuition for the college if the policy is determined by the board to be in accordance with the educational mission of the college and if a local industry or business or a state agency agrees to reimburse the college for the entire amount of the out-of-state tuition that will be waived under the policy. State funds shall be allocated and spent only on students who reside within the State of Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay purposes.

72 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2025.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW NONRESIDENT STUDENTS TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE YELLOW
3 RIBBON PROGRAM AND RECEIVE FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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