

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 729**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

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

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25           SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section  
26 37-143-6, Mississippi Code of 1972:

27           37-143-6. (1) There is established a medical education  
28 scholarship program, which shall be administered by the Board of  
29 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The program  
30 shall provide a certain number of eligible applicants each year  
31 with a full scholarship to obtain a medical education at the  
32 University of Mississippi School of Medicine at no cost to the  
33 recipient, if the recipient meets the conditions upon which the  
34 scholarship is granted.

35           (2) The program shall provide scholarships to up to twenty  
36 (20) new recipients each year, and the program shall be funded  
37 from monies appropriated from the Health Care Expendable Fund  
38 established under Section 43-13-407 and from any other funds  
39 appropriated to or otherwise made available to the board of  
40 trustees for that purpose. The amounts that may be expended  
41 annually for scholarships under the program shall not exceed the  
42 following: Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in fiscal  
43 year 2001; One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in fiscal year  
44 2002; One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in

45 fiscal year 2003; and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in  
46 fiscal year 2004 and in any later fiscal year.

47 (3) The scholarship shall be in an amount that will pay the  
48 full cost of attendance, as defined by federal law and regulation,  
49 at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine for the entire  
50 time necessary for the recipient to complete the requirements for  
51 a medical degree. The actual amount of the scholarship shall be  
52 determined by the Office of Financial Aid of the University of  
53 Mississippi Medical Center but shall not exceed Twenty-five  
54 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year for any recipient.

55 (4) Before being granted a scholarship, each applicant shall  
56 enter into a contract with the board of trustees, which shall be  
57 deemed a contract with the State of Mississippi, agreeing to the  
58 terms and conditions upon which the scholarship will be granted.  
59 In order to receive a scholarship under the program, the recipient  
60 must agree in the contract to practice family medicine for a  
61 period of not less than ten (10) years after completion of his or  
62 her residency in an area of the state that is a critical needs  
63 area for primary medical care at the time of the recipient's entry  
64 into medical practice. The determination and designation of the  
65 areas of the state that are critical needs areas for primary  
66 medical care shall be made by a committee to be known as the  
67 Medical Care Critical Needs Committee, which shall be composed of  
68 the following persons: the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of  
69 the University of Mississippi Medical Center, who shall be  
70 chairman of the committee; the Executive Director of the State  
71 Department of Health; the Executive Director of the Division of  
72 Medicaid; the President of the Mississippi State Medical  
73 Association or his designee; the President of the Mississippi  
74 State Hospital Association or his designee; the President of the  
75 Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; and the Executive  
76 Director of the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association. The  
77 committee shall meet at least once annually to determine and  
78 designate the areas of the state that are critical needs areas for  
79 primary medical care in which scholarship recipients may practice

80 family medicine in order to fulfill their contractual obligation.

81 (5) If a scholarship recipient leaves the University of  
82 Mississippi School of Medicine before graduation, or leaves his or  
83 her residency before completion, or fails to practice family  
84 medicine for a period of ten (10) years in a critical needs area  
85 for primary medical care as designated by the Medical Care  
86 Critical Needs Committee under subsection (4) of this section, the  
87 full amount that the recipient received under the scholarship  
88 shall be due and payable within ninety (90) days, together with  
89 interest. The amount of interest due shall be equal to the annual  
90 rate of return on the Health Care Trust Fund established under  
91 Section 43-13-405 for each year from the time the recipient  
92 received the scholarship money until the time the scholarship  
93 money is repaid. The board of trustees may bring suit against any  
94 scholarship recipient to recover the amount due to the state under  
95 this section for the recipient's failure to comply with the  
96 conditions upon which the scholarship was granted, as provided in  
97 this section and in the contract between the recipient and the  
98 board of trustees. The board of trustees is authorized to  
99 postpone or forgive the repayment of all or part of the amount  
100 that a recipient received under the scholarship and the interest  
101 that would otherwise be due under this subsection if the  
102 recipient's failure to comply with the conditions upon which the  
103 scholarship was granted was due to circumstances beyond the  
104 recipient's control that caused the recipient to be physically  
105 unable to comply with those conditions, such as suffering a severe  
106 illness, injury or other disabling condition.

107 (6) The board of trustees shall establish such rules and  
108 regulations as it deems necessary and proper to carry out the  
109 purposes and intent of this section.

110 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
111 and after July 1, 2000.

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-143-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO  
3 PROVIDE UP TO 20 NEW RECIPIENTS EACH YEAR WITH A FULL SCHOLARSHIP  
4 TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI  
5 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT NO COST; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL  
6 BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF  
7 HIGHER LEARNING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM  
8 MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; TO  
9 PROVIDE THAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST AGREE TO PRACTICE FAMILY  
10 MEDICINE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS IN AN AREA OF THE STATE THAT IS A  
11 CRITICAL NEEDS AREA FOR PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE; TO ESTABLISH A  
12 COMMITTEE THAT WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE AND DESIGNATE THE CRITICAL  
13 NEEDS AREAS IN WHICH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MAY PRACTICE IN ORDER  
14 TO FULFILL THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A  
15 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LEAVES MEDICAL SCHOOL OR HIS OR HER  
16 RESIDENCY BEFORE COMPLETION OR LEAVES PRACTICING FAMILY MEDICINE  
17 IN A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA BEFORE THE END OF TEN YEARS, THE FULL  
18 AMOUNT THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVED UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE  
19 DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90 DAYS, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST; AND FOR  
20 RELATED PURPOSES.