

By: Representatives Ishee, Robertson

To: Universities and Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ESTABLISH THE TUITION AT STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY  
3 COLLEGES FOR NONRESIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-81 AND  
4 37-29-423, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 37-103-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 [Until July 1, 2006, this section will read as follows:]

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

17 (2) (a) The tuition to be paid by a resident of another  
18 state who was enrolled at a state institution of higher learning  
19 or a state community college or junior college during the  
20 2001-2002 academic year shall not be less than the average cost  
21 per student from appropriated funds so long as the student  
22 maintains continuous enrollment for at least two (2) semesters or  
23 three (3) quarters in each successive academic year at the state  
24 institution of higher learning or community college or junior  
25 college in which he is enrolled. However, if the nonresident  
26 student ceases to maintain continuous enrollment at the state  
27 institution of higher learning or a state community college or  
28 junior college in which he is enrolled, the tuition to be paid by



29 the student, upon his reenrollment, shall be determined in  
30 accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection. An  
31 institution of higher learning or a community college or junior  
32 college, in its discretion, may grant an exception to this  
33 requirement for any nonresident student who does not maintain  
34 continuous enrollment for the purpose of participating in a  
35 cooperative program, internship program or foreign study program.

36 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of  
37 this subsection, beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, the  
38 tuition to be paid by a resident of another state at a state  
39 institution of higher learning shall be equal to the average  
40 nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported institutions  
41 of higher learning in the home state of the nonresident, as  
42 established annually by the Board of Trustees of State  
43 Institutions of Higher Learning.

44 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of  
45 this subsection, beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, the  
46 tuition to be paid by a resident of another state at a state  
47 community college or junior college shall be equal to the average  
48 nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported community  
49 colleges or junior colleges, or both, in the home state of the  
50 nonresident, as established annually by the State Board for  
51 Community and Junior Colleges.

52 **[From and after July 1, 2006, this section will read as**  
53 **follows:]**

54 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
55 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community  
56 colleges and junior colleges are \* \* \* authorized to prescribe the  
57 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the  
58 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and  
59 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of  
60 Mississippi. \* \* \*



61       (2) (a) The tuition to be paid by a resident of another  
62 state at a state institution of higher learning shall be equal to  
63 the average nonresident tuition assessed by the state-supported  
64 institutions of higher learning in the home state of the  
65 nonresident, as established annually by the Board of Trustees of  
66 State Institutions of Higher Learning.

67       (b) The tuition to be paid by a resident of another  
68 state at a state community college or junior college shall be  
69 equal to the average nonresident tuition assessed by the  
70 state-supported community colleges or junior colleges, or both, in  
71 the home state of the nonresident, as established annually by the  
72 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

73       **SECTION 2.** Section 37-29-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
74 amended as follows:

75       37-29-81. The district, in the discretion of the board of  
76 trustees, may charge fees and tuitions in accordance with Section  
77 37-103-25.

78       **SECTION 3.** Section 37-29-423, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
79 amended as follows:

80       37-29-423. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College  
81 District, in the discretion of the board of trustees, may charge  
82 fees and tuitions in accordance with Section 37-103-25.

83       **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
84 and after July 1, 2002.

