

By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 541

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL SCHOLARSHIP, KNOWN AS THE
2 AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP, FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS WHO MEET THE
3 CRITERIA PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
4 OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETES HAVING LESS THAN A
5 FULL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS
6 SCHOLARSHIP; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** There shall be a full scholarship, known as the
9 Ambassador Scholarship, which shall be awarded to students who are
10 not residents of Mississippi based on criteria prescribed by the
11 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, which
12 shall include, without limitation, minimum ACT score, minimum SAT
13 score and minimum high school GPA. The scholarship is for four
14 (4) years as long as the student takes a full course load each
15 semester and maintains the minimum GPA for the institution where
16 the student attends. Members of athletic teams of an institution
17 who do not have an athletic scholarship or have less than a full
18 athletic scholarship shall be eligible to receive this
19 scholarship. The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as
20 may be necessary to implement the scholarship program established
21 under this section.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2004.