

By: Representative Fleming

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 299

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT TUITION FOR NONRESIDENT COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ARE
3 RESIDENTS OF ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA OR TENNESSEE SHALL BE
4 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF TUITION FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS; AND FOR
5 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 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
10 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community
11 colleges and junior colleges are authorized to prescribe the
12 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the
13 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and
14 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of
15 Mississippi.

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

22 (a) (i) The nonresident student was born in the State
23 of Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the
24 state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother,
25 or both;

26 (ii) The nonresident student is a veteran who
27 served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

28 (iii) The nonresident student is domiciled in
29 Mississippi no later than six (6) months after the nonresident
30 student's separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of
31 Separation from Military Service or other military discharge
32 document, for the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of
33 higher learning or a community or junior college; or

34 (b) The nonresident student is a resident of Alabama,
35 Arkansas, Louisiana or Tennessee.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2005.