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To: Universities and Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 524
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE RESIDENCE STATUS OF MINOR STUDENTS FOR THE PURPOSE
3 OF ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-103-7. For purposes of determining whether a person pays
9 out-of-state or in-state tuition for attendance at universities,
10 community and junior colleges, this section shall not apply to the
11 residence of a person as it relates to residency for voter
12 registration or voting, the residence of a person less than
13 twenty-one (21) years of age is that of the father, the mother or
14 a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in
15 Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one
16 (1) parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who
17 was granted custody by the court * * *. If both parents are dead,
18 the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at
19 the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a
20 general guardian * * * duly appointed by a proper court of
21 Mississippi, in which case his residence becomes that of the
22 guardian.

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