

By: Representative Young

To: Universities and
Colleges; Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE STUDENTS TO HAVE A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0
3 SCALE, OR BETTER, IN ALL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES IN ORDER TO
4 PARTICIPATE IN A DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-15-37. The local school boards of public school districts
10 and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
11 are authorized to establish a dual enrollment program under which
12 high school students meeting the requirements prescribed in this
13 section may enroll at an institution of higher learning in
14 Mississippi while they are still attending high school and
15 enrolled in high school courses, with tuition and costs to be paid
16 by grants, foundations or other private sources. Students may be
17 admitted to enroll in university-level courses under the dual
18 enrollment program if they meet the following recommended
19 admission requirements:

20 (a) Students must have completed a minimum of fourteen
21 (14) core high school units;

22 (b) Students must have a 3.0 grade point average on a
23 4.0 scale, or better, on all high school courses, as documented by
24 an official high school transcript; a home-schooled student must
25 submit a transcript prepared by a parent, guardian or custodian
26 with a signed, sworn affidavit to meet the requirement of this
27 paragraph; and

28 (c) Students must have an unconditional written
29 recommendation from their high school principal and/or guidance
30 counselor. A home-schooled student must submit a parent, legal
31 guardian or custodian's written recommendation to meet the
32 requirement of this paragraph.

33 Students may be considered for the dual enrollment program
34 who have not completed the minimum of fourteen (14) core high
35 school units if they have a minimum ACT composite score of thirty
36 (30) or the equivalent SAT score, and have the required grade
37 point average and recommendations prescribed above.

38 Tuition and costs for university-level courses under this
39 program shall be paid from grants, foundations or other private
40 sources, to be paid directly to the participating university.
41 Students admitted in the dual enrollment program shall be counted
42 for adequate education program funding purposes in the average
43 daily attendance of the public school district in which they
44 attend high school. Any additional transportation required by a
45 student to participate in the dual enrollment program shall be the
46 responsibility of the parents or legal guardians of the student,
47 but may be paid for from private sources. Grades and college
48 credits earned by students admitted to the dual enrollment program
49 shall be recorded on the college transcript at the university
50 where the student attends classes. The transcript of such
51 university course work may be released to another institution or
52 used for college graduation requirements only after the student
53 has received his high school diploma.

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