

By: Representative Hines

To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE A DISCOUNT ON COLLEGE TUITION FOR DISABLED VETERANS OF
3 THE WAR IN IRAQ WHO ARE MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-103-25. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
9 of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community
10 colleges and junior colleges are authorized to prescribe the
11 amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the
12 several state-supported institutions of higher learning and
13 community colleges and junior colleges of the State of
14 Mississippi.

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

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

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

27 (c) The nonresident student is domiciled in Mississippi
28 no later than six (6) months after the nonresident student's

29 separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of Separation
30 from Military Service or other military discharge document, for
31 the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of higher learning
32 or a community or junior college.

33 (3) The tuition to be paid by a disabled veteran of the War
34 in Iraq as evidenced by a Report of Separation from Military
35 Service or other military discharge document, who is a resident of
36 the State of Mississippi, shall be equal to sixty percent (60%) of
37 the tuition amount established under subsection (1) of this
38 section.

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