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To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2766

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-143-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
3 HIGHER LEARNING SHALL WAIVE ANY REIMBURSEMENT OR IN-STATE SERVICE
4 REQUIREMENTS FOR TUITION PAID UNDER A REGIONAL COMPACT AGREEMENT
5 FOR THE EDUCATION OF MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS AT HEALTH-RELATED
6 PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS NOT LOCATED IN MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-143-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 37-143-15. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
12 Higher Learning is authorized and empowered to establish loan or
13 scholarship programs of like character, operation and purpose to
14 the foregoing enumerated programs to encourage the participation
15 of eligible worthy persons in courses of instruction in its
16 institutions, and in furtherance of such power and authority is
17 authorized: to adopt and implement rules and regulations
18 declaring and describing the goals and objectives of such loan or
19 scholarship programs; to establish the eligibility requirements
20 for entry into such program and required for continuing
21 participation for succeeding years; to determine the maximum
22 amount to be made available to recipients; to delineate the terms
23 and conditions of contracts with recipients and establish the
24 service requirements for such contracts, if any; to enter into
25 contracts pertaining to such programs with recipients; to enter
26 into loan agreements and other contracts with financial
27 institutions or other providers of loan monies for scholarship or
28 loan participants; and to allocate and utilize such funds as may

29 be necessary for the operation of such loan or scholarship
30 programs from the annual appropriation for student financial aid.
31 In issuing rules and regulations governing the administration of
32 the Graduate Teacher Summer Scholarship (GTS) Program, the Board
33 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall provide
34 that certified teachers at the Columbia or Oakley Training Schools
35 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services shall
36 be fully eligible to participate in said program. Provided,
37 however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
38 Higher Learning shall waive any reimbursement or service
39 requirements for Mississippi residents who are recipients of
40 tuition assistance awarded under an interstate regional compact at
41 health-related professional schools located outside of the State
42 of Mississippi, where there is no such school or curriculum
43 offered in the State of Mississippi.

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