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To: Universities and  
Colleges

## SENATE BILL NO. 2878

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-103-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ALLOW CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO COMPLETE THEIR SENIOR  
3 YEAR IN A MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL TO RETAIN RESIDENCY STATUS AS  
4 LONG AS THEY ATTEND A MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-103-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-103-19. Resident status of children of members of the  
10 armed forces on extended active duty shall be that of the military  
11 parent for the purpose of attending state-supported institutions  
12 of higher learning and junior colleges of the State of Mississippi  
13 during the time that their military parents are stationed within  
14 the State of Mississippi and shall be continued through the time  
15 that military parents are stationed in an overseas area with last  
16 duty assignment within the State of Mississippi, excepting  
17 temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi.  
18 Resident status of minor children shall terminate upon  
19 reassignment under Permanent Change of Station Orders of their  
20 military parents for duty in the continental United States outside  
21 the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments  
22 en route from Mississippi. Children of members of the armed  
23 forces who attain Mississippi residency in accordance with the  
24 above provisions, who begin and complete their senior year of high  
25 school in Mississippi, and who enroll full-time in a Mississippi  
26 institution of higher learning or junior college to begin studies  
27 in the fall after their graduation from high school, shall  
28 maintain their residency status so long as they remain enrolled

29 and a student in good standing at a Mississippi institution of  
30 higher learning or junior college, provided that enrollment during  
31 summer school shall not be required hereunder.

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