

By: Representative Johnson

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM
2 DISCONTINUING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO
3 CERTAIN STUDENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN ATHLETIC
4 ACTIVITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A state institution of higher learning may not
7 revoke or discontinue the financial assistance that has been
8 awarded to a student for two (2) or more years in exchange for the
9 student's participation in a college-sanctioned athletic activity
10 so long as the student remains eligible for continued enrollment
11 and in good academic standing according to the general
12 requirements prescribed for all students at the state institution.
13 For purposes of this section, the term "financial assistance"
14 means the complete or partial payment or waiver of tuition, fees
15 and other costs associated with the student's enrollment at the
16 institution, including books, housing, meals, school supplies,
17 materials, dues, fees for extra-curricular activities and any
18 other expenses for which payment has been made on behalf of the
19 student.

20 A student who continues to receive financial assistance at a
21 state institution of higher learning under this section may
22 receive the financial assistance until the student has completed
23 the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. However, a state
24 institution of higher learning is not required to provide
25 financial assistance to the student for a period exceeding the
26 total number of years required for completion of the baccalaureate
27 degree that the student is pursuing.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2007.