

By: Representative Straughter

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
2 OF HIGHER LEARNING TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ALLOCATION
3 OF FUNDS TO THE VARIOUS STATE INSTITUTIONS PURSUANT TO THE AYERS
4 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF THE
5 REPORT; TO REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT TO THE
6 CHAIRPERSONS OF CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
10 Higher Learning shall prepare a report on the allocation of funds
11 to the various state institutions of higher learning pursuant to
12 the settlement agreement in the case of Ayers v. Musgrove (Civil
13 Action No. 4:75CV9-B-D, in the United States District Court for
14 the Northern District of Mississippi). The report must include,
15 but not necessarily be limited to, the following data:

16 (a) For the then current fiscal year, the total funding
17 appropriated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
18 Higher Learning for the benefit of the state institutions of
19 higher learning from the Ayers Settlement Fund created under
20 Section 37-101-27;

21 (b) For the then current fiscal year, the amount allocated
22 to each individual state institution entitled to funding from the
23 Ayers Settlement Fund or any other state fund that may be created
24 in relation to the Ayers case;

25 (c) A history of the annual Ayers funding allocated to each
26 state institution that has received monies as a result of any
27 court order or agreement in the Ayers case, regardless of the name
28 of the fund or trust in the State Treasury from which the monies

29 originated, beginning with the year the institution first received
30 such funding;

31 (d) For each year that an amount is reported for a state
32 institution under paragraph (c) of this section, the amount
33 appropriated by the Legislature for the general support of that
34 institution; and

35 (e) For each state institution receiving monies as a direct
36 result of the Ayers case, a history of the state funding of the
37 institution for the ten (10) years immediately preceding the first
38 year in which that institution received any funding due to the
39 Ayers case.

40 The report required under this section must be prepared and
41 submitted to the chairpersons of the Committees on Appropriations
42 and Universities and Colleges of the House of Representatives and
43 Senate before October 1 of each year.

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