

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2018

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33-7-405, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE HOUSING GRANTS TO CERTAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 33-7-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 33-7-405. The Adjutant General is hereby authorized to pay
9 the tuition and housing for any active member of the Mississippi
10 National Guard who is enrolled or may enroll within the State of
11 Mississippi in an accredited Institution of Higher Learning,
12 vocational education school or junior college. To be eligible for
13 such benefits, the individual, at the time of his initial
14 enrollment, must be a Captain, Lieutenant, Warrant Officer, Cadet,
15 Officer candidate or enlisted member of the Mississippi National
16 Guard, or a member of such guard who is participating in the
17 educational program authorized by this section as of the effective
18 date of this article; be at least seventeen (17) years of age; and
19 be a resident and a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi.
20 To be eligible for the housing grant, an individual, at the time
21 of his enrollment, must be in an officer producing program and be
22 selected to receive the grant by the Adjutant General. The
23 tuition may only be used for undergraduate studies and vocational
24 education courses, whether such coursework is taken on a semester
25 or clock-hour basis. In no event will any individual be eligible
26 for payment of tuition after receipt of an undergraduate degree,
27 whether received through this article or not. No person shall be
28 eligible for a tuition or housing grant for more than ten (10)

29 years after the date of the first tuition payment for him under
30 this article. The Adjutant General shall set up minimum standards
31 for performance that must be met in order to maintain eligibility
32 for continuing in the program.

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