

By: Representative Scott

To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EVERY UNIVERSITY ELIGIBLE FOR A POSTSEASON  
2 BOWL GAME, INCLUDING PLAYOFF GAMES, TO PLACE INTO AN ESCROW  
3 ACCOUNT 33% OF ALL REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR BEING  
4 ACCEPTED INTO, PARTICIPATING IN, AND WINNING A BOWL GAME; TO  
5 REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY TO DISTRIBUTE TO A GRADUATING ATHLETE HIS  
6 PRO RATA SHARE OF THE MONIES ACCUMULATED IN THE ESCROW ACCOUNT  
7 DURING THE ATHLETE'S ACTIVE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds that university athletes  
11 invest much time, effort and focus to their athletic pursuits  
12 which may result in the university's invite and acceptance to a  
13 postseason bowl game, including playoff games, earning significant  
14 monies for the athlete's institution. The Legislature further  
15 finds that athletic coaches are compensated generously from the  
16 bowl game revenues, whereas the athletes receive much less  
17 significant monetary gain from their hard work and dedication to  
18 the sport. Therefore, the Legislature deems it appropriate and  
19 proper to compensate those athletes monetarily upon graduation  
20 from the university.



21           **SECTION 2.** (1) Every university eligible for a postseason  
22 bowl game, including playoff games, shall place into an escrow  
23 account thirty-three percent (33%) of all revenue received by the  
24 university for being accepted into, participating in, and winning  
25 a bowl game.

26           (2) Upon graduation from the university, the monies  
27 accumulated in the escrow account during the graduating athlete's  
28 active eligibility period at that university shall be distributed  
29 to the athlete according to his pro rata share.

30           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2018.

