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3 SENATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB355
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a public institution of
9 higher education may extend resident tuition rates
10 to any nonresident student who lives in any county
11 within 50 miles of the campus of the institution.

12 This bill would extend the limit to 275
13 miles.
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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 To amend Section 16-64-4, Code of Alabama 1975,
20 relating to tuition rates at institutions of higher education;
21 to extend from 50 to 275, the number of miles from campus that
22 the county of residence of a nonresident student may be, for
23 that student to be granted resident tuition rates.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 16-64-4 of the Code of Alabama
26 1975, is amended to read as follows:

27 "§16-64-4.

1 "(a) Each Alabama public institution of higher
2 education shall charge each undergraduate student who is
3 registered as a nonresident a minimum tuition of two times the
4 resident tuition rate charged by that institution. ~~This rate~~
5 ~~shall be effective for students who register at an institution~~
6 ~~beginning August 1, 1997.~~ A nonresident graduate student at an
7 institution shall be charged a rate of tuition that is at
8 least at the level of tuition charged to a nonresident
9 undergraduate.

10 "(b) The governing boards of each four-year public
11 institution of higher education and Athens State University
12 shall retain the power to extend resident tuition rates to
13 students who reside in any county within ~~50~~ 275 miles of a
14 campus of the institution; ~~provided, however, that campus must~~
15 ~~be in existence and operating as of January 1, 1996.~~ For
16 public two-year institutions, not including Athens State
17 University, the ~~State Board of Education~~ Board of Trustees of
18 the Alabama Community College System, upon the recommendation
19 of the Chancellor ~~of the Department of Postsecondary~~
20 ~~Education~~, shall retain the power to extend resident tuition
21 rates to students who reside in any county within 50 miles of
22 a campus of the institution; ~~provided, however, that campus~~
23 ~~must be in existence and operating as of January 1, 1996.~~

24 "(c) Any provision of law to the contrary
25 notwithstanding, the governing boards of each four-year public
26 institution of higher education and Athens State University
27 shall retain the power to set tuition rates for programs that

1 are delivered in a distance format to students who are not
2 present within the boundaries of the state at the time the
3 distance program is delivered. For public two-year
4 institutions of higher education, except Athens State
5 University, the ~~State Board of Education~~ Board of Trustees of
6 the Alabama Community College System, upon the recommendation
7 of the Chancellor ~~of the Department of Postsecondary~~
8 ~~Education~~, shall retain the power to set tuition rates for
9 programs that are delivered in a distance format for students
10 who are not present within the boundaries of the state at the
11 time the distance program is delivered."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.