

1 SB355  
2 201080-3  
3 By Senator Singleton  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 30-APR-19

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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 To amend Section 16-64-4, Code of Alabama 1975,  
12 relating to tuition rates at institutions of higher education;  
13 to extend from 50 to 275, the number of miles from campus that  
14 the county of residence of a nonresident student may be, for  
15 that student to be granted resident tuition rates.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Section 16-64-4 of the Code of Alabama  
18 1975, is amended to read as follows:

19 "§16-64-4.

20 "(a) Each Alabama public institution of higher  
21 education shall charge each undergraduate student who is  
22 registered as a nonresident a minimum tuition of two times the  
23 resident tuition rate charged by that institution. ~~This rate~~  
24 ~~shall be effective for students who register at an institution~~  
25 ~~beginning August 1, 1997.~~ A nonresident graduate student at an  
26 institution shall be charged a rate of tuition that is at

1 least at the level of tuition charged to a nonresident  
2 undergraduate.

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

17 "(c) Any provision of law to the contrary  
18 notwithstanding, the governing boards of each four-year public  
19 institution of higher education and Athens State University  
20 shall retain the power to set tuition rates for programs that  
21 are delivered in a distance format to students who are not  
22 present within the boundaries of the state at the time the  
23 distance program is delivered. For public two-year  
24 institutions of higher education, except Athens State  
25 University, the ~~State Board of Education~~ Board of Trustees of  
26 the Alabama Community College System, upon the recommendation  
27 of the Chancellor ~~of the Department of Postsecondary~~

1     ~~Education~~, shall retain the power to set tuition rates for  
2     programs that are delivered in a distance format for students  
3     who are not present within the boundaries of the state at the  
4     time the distance program is delivered."

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

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Senate

Read for the first time and referred to the Senate  
committee on Education Policy..... 30-APR-19

Read for the second time and placed on the calen-  
dar with 1 substitute and..... 21-MAY-19

Read for the third time and passed as amended .... 29-MAY-19

Yeas 27  
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.