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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Southern Miss Community,

I know many of you are eager to learn how HB 1193 will be implemented at Southern Miss. I am writing to share an update on litigation and recent board actions related to the bill.

Over the weekend, a federal judge approved a temporary restraining order to pause the enforcement of HB 1193. The order is in effect for 14 days and may be extended or appealed.

Last week, the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning adopted a policy related to the bill, and if the injunction is lifted, this policy will guide compliance with the law.

The following documents may be helpful:

- [House Bill 1193](#)
- [IHL Board Policies 102.06: Non-Discrimination and 102.07: Academic Responsibility](#)

We will continue to monitor developments in the litigation and communicate more information as it becomes available.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph S. Paul".

Joseph S. Paul  
President