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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2416

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL STATE AGENCIES TO USE STANDARDIZED
2 FORMS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
3 WHEN SOLICITING COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS;
4 TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS THERETO; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ENTERING
6 COMPACTS WITH THE ADJACENT STATES OF MISSISSIPPI TO IMPLEMENT
7 UNIFORM BID PURCHASING FORMS FOR VENDORS AND PUBLIC CONTRACTORS;
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. When soliciting competitive bids for public
11 construction projects, all state agencies shall use standardized
12 forms prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration.
13 However, in such cases where the standardized forms do not
14 adequately meet the needs of an agency's bid making process, then
15 the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and
16 Administration may exempt an agency from the requirement of using
17 the standardized forms.

18 SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
19 shall study the feasibility of entering into compacts with the
20 adjacent states of Mississippi to implement uniform bid purchasing
21 forms for vendors and public contractors.

22 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall file
23 a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2000, which
24 shall contain its findings and conclusions from the study required
25 in subsection (1) of this section.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 1999.