

By: Representative Wells-Smith

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-43-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO MAINTAIN AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO
3 PARENTS INFORMATION OF PURCHASING TEXTBOOKS FROM BOOK
4 DEPOSITORIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-43-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-43-33. (1) Any parent, person or school board in any
9 community of the state may purchase books from the depository that
10 is given authority to sell books under the provisions of this
11 chapter. The price of the books so ordered or bought shall be the
12 same as the contract price, plus whatever postage or delivery
13 charges might accrue.

14 (2) In order to assist parents and other persons interested
15 in purchasing books from the depository, each public school shall
16 maintain a purchasing list of all textbooks issued to students in
17 that school. The list must include no less than the following
18 information for each book:

19 (a) Name of the textbook;

20 (b) The grade level or class in which the textbook is
21 being utilized during that school year;

22 (c) The name, address, telephone number and, if
23 applicable, an Internet web site address of the depository where
24 the textbook may be purchased;

25 (d) The contract price at which the textbook may be
26 purchased; and



27 (e) The amount of any additional charges associated
28 with the purchase of the textbook, such as shipping and handling
29 charges.

30 (3) At the beginning of each school year, the public schools
31 must notify parents of their option to purchase textbooks from the
32 depository and of the availability of the textbook purchasing list
33 upon request.

34 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2001.

