

By: Representative Barnett (92nd)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-43-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLACE TEXTBOOK, EQUIPMENT  
3 AND SCHOOL SUPPLY PROCUREMENT ORDERS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE  
4 FISCAL YEAR FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING CERTAIN SCHOOLS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-43-24, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-43-24. (1) This section shall be referred to and may be  
10 cited as the "Timely Acquisition of Braille and Large Print  
11 Textbooks Act of 2002."

12 (2) The State Department of Education is hereby authorized  
13 and directed to place textbook procurement orders for visually  
14 impaired and hearing impaired students in the schools of this  
15 state prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the  
16 expenditure for such order has been authorized by the Legislature.  
17 After June 1 of any year, the State Department of Education may  
18 order additional books, as needed. In addition, the State  
19 Department of Education is authorized and directed to place  
20 textbook, equipment and school supply procurement orders for  
21 students attending the state-supported schools administered by the  
22 State Board of Education before the beginning of the fiscal year  
23 for which the expenditure for the order has been authorized by the  
24 Legislature. The department shall insure that the appropriate  
25 procedures for textbook procurement are followed according to  
26 state law and board policy as described in the Textbook  
27 Administration Handbook.



28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2003.

