

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2800

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-43-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLACE
3 TEXTBOOK, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY ORDERS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING
4 SCHOOLS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO THE
5 BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR
6 SUCH PURPOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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



30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after its passage.

