

By: Representative Pierce

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 667

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-39-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAKE JOINT
3 PURCHASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-39-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-39-23. The school boards of all public school districts
8 may, in their discretion, * * * enter into an agreement, not
9 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, to act jointly
10 in the purchase of maintenance, operational and scholastic
11 services, supplies and materials.

12 It is the purpose of this section to enable the school
13 systems * * * to achieve economies of scale through increased
14 purchasing power to the end that the education tax revenues be
15 utilized efficiently.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2004.