

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2737

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR
2 COLLEGES TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PURCHASING PROGRAMS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
6 of Higher Learning and the State Board for Community and Junior
7 Colleges may authorize the organization and operation of, or the
8 participation in, group purchasing programs for the purchase of
9 supplies, commodities and equipment when it appears to such board
10 that a group purchasing program could or would affect economy or
11 efficiency in its operations.

12 (2) Purchases by public institutions of higher learning or
13 community and junior colleges participating in group purchasing
14 programs of supplies, commodities and equipment through such
15 programs shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 31-7-9,
16 31-7-10, 31-7-11, 31-7-12 and 31-7-13.

17 (3) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
18 Learning and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
19 shall jointly develop and annually submit beginning on December 1,
20 2007, to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations
21 Committees a report analyzing the savings and economic benefits of
22 a group purchasing program authorized under this section.

23 (4) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
24 July 1, 2008.

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