

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2737

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO
2 PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PURCHASING PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED
3 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 may authorize the organization and operation
7 of, or the participation in, group purchasing programs for the
8 purchase of supplies, commodities and equipment when it appears to
9 the board that such a group purchasing program could or would
10 affect economy or efficiency in their operations.

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

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

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2006.