

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2737  
(As Passed the Senate)

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

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

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

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

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

20 (4) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on  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

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