

By: Senator(s) Thames, Harden

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2769

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 as provided in
13 subsection (1) shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections
14 31-7-9, 31-7-10, 31-7-11, 31-7-12 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, 2008, to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations
18 Committees and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Fees, Salaries
19 and Administration Committees a report analyzing the savings and
20 economic benefits of a group purchasing program authorized under
21 this section.

22 (4) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
23 July 1, 2009.

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