

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22 (4) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on  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.