

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Cuevas

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2095
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-43-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLACE
3 TEXTBOOK PROCUREMENT ORDERS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND HEARING
4 IMPAIRED STUDENTS OF THIS STATE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE
5 STATE FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section

8 37-43-24, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 37-43-24. (1) This section shall be referred to and may be
10 cited as the "Timely Acquisition of Braille and Large Print
11 Textbooks Act of 2002."

12 (2) The State Department of Education is hereby authorized
13 and directed to place textbook procurement orders for visually
14 impaired and hearing impaired students in the schools of this
15 state prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the
16 expenditure for such order has been authorized by the Legislature.
17 After June 1 of any year, the State Department may order
18 additional books, as needed. The department shall insure that the
19 appropriate procedures for textbook procurement are followed
20 according to state law and board policy as described in the
21 Textbook Administration handbook.

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

