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HOUSE BILL NO. 1317
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-53-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO GIVE
3 DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE PROCUREMENT PORTAL THAT WILL PROVIDE
5 POTENTIAL VENDORS OF GOODS AND SERVICES INFORMATION NECESSARY TO
6 ASSIST THEM IN PROCURING CONTRACTS WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI;
7 TO CODIFY NEW SECTION 27-104-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
8 REQUIRE THAT THE PROCUREMENT PORTAL BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL BY JULY 1,
9 2015; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-53-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 25-53-151. (1) There is established in the State Treasury
14 the "Electronic Government Services Fund," into which shall be
15 deposited specific funds appropriated by the Legislature for
16 developing and providing electronic government services within the
17 State of Mississippi. Any funds in the Electronic Government
18 Services Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
19 State General Fund, but shall be available for expenditure in the
20 subsequent fiscal year. The funds in the Electronic Government
21 Fund shall be available for expenditure pursuant to specific



22 appropriation by the Legislature beginning in fiscal year 2002, to
23 the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services.

24 (2) There is hereby established an Electronic Government
25 Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation of E-Government
26 and related technology initiatives. Duties of this committee
27 would include: (a) prioritize and make recommendations for all
28 electronic government services, in order to cut across state and
29 local governmental organizational structures; (b) address policy
30 issues such as privacy, security, transaction fees and
31 accessibility; (c) review ongoing fiscal and operational
32 management and support of portal; (d) provide a mechanism for
33 gathering input from citizens, businesses and government entities;
34 (e) encourage self-service models for citizens through state
35 websites and other electronic services; and (f) promote economic
36 development and efficient delivery of government services by
37 encouraging governmental and private sector entities to conduct
38 their business and transactions using electronic media. The
39 Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall be composed of the
40 following: (a) the Executive Director of the Mississippi
41 Department of Information Technology Services, or his designee;
42 (b) the State Auditor, or his designee; (c) the State Treasurer,
43 or his designee; (d) the Secretary of State, or his designee; (e)
44 the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and
45 Administration, or his designee; (f) the Commissioner of Public
46 Safety, or his designee; (g) the Commissioner of Revenue, or his



47 designee. The committee shall annually elect one (1) member to
48 serve as chairman and one (1) member to serve as vice chairman,
49 who shall act as chairman in the absence of the chairman. The
50 committee shall meet monthly or upon the call of the chairman, and
51 shall make necessary reports and recommendations to the
52 Legislature and the appropriate agencies of state government. All
53 agencies of state government shall cooperate with the committee in
54 providing requested information, shall work closely with and
55 provide information to the committee and shall report to the
56 committee at its request. The Mississippi Department of
57 Information Technology Services shall provide administrative
58 support for the committee. Nonlegislative members of the
59 committee shall serve without compensation.

60 (3) The Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall
61 advise and provide direction to the Department of Finance and
62 Administration to develop a procurement portal that will enable
63 potential vendors of goods and services access to relevant and
64 necessary information related to the sale of the following types
65 of goods and services to the State of Mississippi and its
66 agencies:

67 (a) Commodities, as defined by Section 31-7-1;

68 (b) Contract personnel, as defined by Sections 25-9-107
69 and 25-9-120; and

70 (c) Computer equipment and services, as defined by
71 Section 25-53-3.



72 (4) The procurement portal provided for in subsection (3)
73 must provide potential vendors with the following:

74 (a) A searchable database of business procurement
75 opportunities with the state which includes a breakdown by product
76 or service and by the organization seeking the product or service;

77 (b) Listings of the published date and closing date for
78 each business procurement opportunity;

79 (c) A "Frequently Asked Questions" section regarding
80 doing business with the respective agencies;

81 (d) A breakdown of "Frequently Asked Questions"
82 regarding the selection process with the respective agencies;

83 (e) An open-air forum for questions and answers
84 relating to the procurement process, in general, as well as
85 specifically relating to a single contract; and

86 (f) Links to individual agency websites and contacts to
87 enable potential vendors to obtain more specific information, if
88 necessary.

89 (5) The procurement portal must be linked to the
90 Transparency Mississippi website established in accordance with
91 Sections 27-104-151 through 27-104-163. The Mississippi
92 Department of Information Technology Services shall develop and
93 maintain a link to the procurement portal from the state website.

94 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
95 27-104-165, Mississippi Code of 1972:



96 27-104-165. The Department of Finance and Administration,
97 with assistance from the Mississippi Department of Information
98 Technology Services and the State Personnel Board, may develop a
99 phased-in plan that ensures that the procurement portal required
100 under Section 25-53-151 be fully functional by July 1, 2015.

101 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
102 and after July 1, 2014.

