

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 609

SENATE BILL NO. 2920

By Bailey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2262

By Darby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 4, relative to programs for persons with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-4-403, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

- (a) Notwithstanding another law, and except as provided in subsection (b), the commissioner of human services or the commissioner's designee may make purchases of materials, services, equipment, stock, and merchandise for use in a business enterprise program for the blind without the necessity of taking bids for the purchases, advertising bids for such purchases, or complying with other restrictions governing the purchase of goods and services generally on behalf of this state.
- (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to the purchase of software for use in inmate commissary facilities.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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