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Exempts purchases by institutions of higher education, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, from certain competitive bidding and competitive solicitation requirements.

Authorizes institutions of higher education to: (1) Make payments in advance for equipment maintenance services to be performed up to sixty months after such payment;

- (2) Implement compensation changes for classifications the human resources director has approved for inclusion in higher education health care special pay;
- (3) Make changes for other health care classifications that the institution may identify;
- (4) Make direct deposits to financial institutions for payment of salaries and wages of employees;
- (5) Require alternate payment methods for employees who do not have an account in a financial institution; and
- (6) Use all appropriate means for making and paying for travel arrangements.