

**SB 6401-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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, for health care classifications, higher education health care special pay plans to be competitive with positions of a similar nature in the locality in which the institution of higher education is located;

(3) Make direct deposits to financial institutions for payment of salaries and wages of employees;

(4) Require alternate payment methods for employees who do not have an account in a financial institution; and

(5) Use all appropriate means for making and paying for travel arrangements.