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**S 419. PURCHASING PROCESS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.** Filed 3/4/09. *TO GRANT ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO STUDY THE NEED FOR FURTHER PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY.*

Amends GS 115D-58.14 to clarify that community colleges may purchase supplies, equipment, and materials from noncertified sources that are available under state term contracts (was, purchase *the same* supplies, equipment, and materials from noncertified sources as are available under state term contracts) subject to specified conditions. Adds to the conditions that are to be met that the items are the same or substantially similar in quality, service, and performance as items available under state term contracts. Requires the State Board of Community Colleges (Board) to review the purchasing process for community colleges and consider whether the Board should have the authority to increase the bid value benchmark for each community college based on the college's overall capabilities. Requires the Board to report the results of the study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee before March 30, 2010.

**Intro. by Clodfelter.**

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