

HB 352 -- State Purchasing and Printing

Sponsor: Hobbs

This bill increases the current five-point bonus bidding preference given by the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to a 10-point bonus for products and services manufactured, purchased, or assembled in qualified nonprofit organizations for the blind and in sheltered workshops if the nonprofit organization provides the greater of 2% or \$5,000 of the total contract for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.

For Fiscal Year 2008, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will pay each sheltered workshop \$65 per standard work week worked by a handicapped employee and \$13 per standard work day for work performed by handicapped employees in excess of the standard work week. For Fiscal Year 2009, the weekly per-worker amount is increased to \$75 and the daily per-worker amount to \$15; for Fiscal Year 2010, \$85 per week and \$17 per day; and for Fiscal Year 2011 and thereafter, \$90 per week and \$18 per day.