

12-3-103. Exempt agencies and purchases. — [Amended effective October 1, 2011. See the Compiler's Notes.]

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(a) Purchases by and for the following departments, institutions and agencies of the state government shall be exempt, subject to the policies of the board of standards, from the operation of this chapter:

- (1) The general assembly;
- (2) The University of Tennessee;
- (3) The state university and community college system; and
- (4) The state technical institutes;

except that in those cases where the department of general services executes term contracts for materials, supplies, and equipment for an amount less than can be bought by such department, institution, or agency, such exemption shall not apply; provided, that all such institutions shall, insofar as may be practicable, observe the standards and procedures of purchasing established and set forth in this chapter; provided further, that any or all of such institutions named in this section, as well as any private nonprofit institution of higher education chartered in Tennessee, shall be entitled to purchase and contract for the purchase of any materials, supplies and equipment and services through the department of general services under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Contracts for the procurement of goods and materials which are advertised and awarded by the state building commission pursuant to § [4-15-102](#) shall be excluded from the policies and procedures provided for in this chapter.

[Acts 1953, ch. 163, § 30 (Williams, § 370.39); impl. am. Acts 1957, ch. 4, § 1; impl. am. Acts 1959, ch. 9, § 5; impl. am. Acts 1961, ch. 97, § 5; Acts 1969, ch. 115, § 1; impl. am. Acts 1969, ch. 302, § 1; Acts 1971, ch. 405, § 1; impl. am. Acts 1972, ch. 543, § 7; Acts 1973, ch. 144, § 4; 1973, ch. 216, § 1; 1975, ch. 60, § 1; 1977, ch. 437, § 1; 1978, ch. 932, § 3; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 12-336; Acts 1980, ch. 741, § 4; T.C.A., § 12-3-130; Acts 1981, ch. 332, § 17; 2010, ch. 694, § 1; 2010, ch. 1098, § 2.]