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Abstract: Provides relative to group purchasing of school materials, equipment, and supplies.

Present law authorizes any public school district or public school to enter into an agreement with a group purchasing organization for the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies, including any installation thereof. Requires that any such agreement provide that the organization submit a price list and that the prices quoted remain in effect for a stated period of time, not less than three months. Also provides that any such price list shall be considered a valid and binding bid by the organization.

Present law provides that the price lists submitted by a qualified group purchasing organization shall not be a public record and shall not be available for public inspection. However, present law provides that the agreement setting forth the existence of the price list and the effective date thereof is a public record and that the portion of the price list setting forth the items being purchased shall become a public record at the time of opening of bids. Proposed law provides that the list becomes a public record when the purchase contract is executed. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law authorizes a school board to purchase equipment from a qualified group purchasing organization if the price for such equipment is less than that for the same or substantially similar equipment on the state bid list. Proposed law authorizes school boards to purchase materials, equipment, or supplies from or through a group purchasing organization if there is no applicable state contract or bid list.

Present law provides that a price list is a valid bid during the effective period of the agreement. Proposed law removes present law.

Proposed law authorizes public school districts and public schools that choose to solicit quotations or bids under present law to consider a price list previously submitted to it by the group purchasing organization as a valid and binding bid for such solicitation.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(N))