

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 235****2024 Regular Session****Coates**

**PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS:** Increases the dollar amount for the exception to public bid law applicable to the purchase of vehicles by local government units

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds fire service vehicles and fire fighting or rescue apparatus to the local government vehicle purchase exception.
2. Clarifies that present and proposed law apply to paid and volunteer fire departments headed by a local government unit or nonprofit corporation under contract with a fire protection district or other political subdivision.
3. Makes a technical change.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides an exception for purchase by a local government unit of a used or new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle that does not exceed the purchase price of \$40,000.

Present law requires that purchases by a local government unit of used or new motor vehicles for conversion into law enforcement vehicles that exceed the price of \$40,000 must be advertised and let for bid.

Proposed law increases the exception amount in present law from \$40,000 to \$70,000 per vehicle.

Proposed law specifies that present and proposed law also apply to fire service and fire fighting or rescue apparatus.

Proposed law clarifies that present and proposed law apply to both paid and volunteer fire departments lead by a local government unit or nonprofit corporation under contract with a fire protection district or other political subdivision.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a))