
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for agreements by municipal and parish fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection districts, municipal and parish ambulance services, ambulance service districts, municipal police departments, or related public safety departments or agencies with qualified group purchasing organizations for purchases.

Proposed law authorizes municipal and parish fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection districts, municipal and parish ambulance services, ambulance service districts, municipal police departments, or related public safety departments or agencies to enter into agreements with qualified group purchasing organizations for purchases.

Proposed law requires the group purchasing organization to submit a price list and maintain those prices for at least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.

Proposed law prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the price list will be considered public record when it is made part of a contract.

Proposed law defines "qualified group purchasing organization".

Proposed law allows the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies from a qualified group purchasing organization when prices are less than those for substantially similar products on the state contract list or when similar products are not on the state contract list.

Proposed law prohibits purchases through an entity or vendor that is not a qualified group purchasing organization without using state procurement procedures in present law.

(Adds R.S. 38:2212.1(P))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Add municipal ambulance service, parish ambulance service or ambulance service district to the list of entities that may enter into group purchasing agreements.