

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 690

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Permits public school districts and schools to participate in group purchasing for materials, equipment, and supplies

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:2212.1(N), relative to group purchasing of school materials, equipment,
3 and supplies; to authorize public school districts and public schools to participate in
4 a purchasing cooperative for the purchase of school materials, equipment, and
5 supplies; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.1(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2212.1. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; materials and
9 supplies; exemptions

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11 N.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the contrary, any public
12 school district or public school may participate in a school district purchasing
13 cooperative for the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies.

14 (2) Public schools and public school districts which are members of a school
15 district purchasing cooperative may purchase materials, equipment, and supplies in
16 accordance with contracts submitted to the school district purchasing cooperative by
17 a vendor.

18 (3) As used in this Subsection, "school district purchasing cooperative"
19 means an organization, whether for profit or not for profit, to which two or more
20 public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from

1 vendors of services, materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may
2 be purchased by a public school district or public school.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes public school districts or public schools to participate in purchasing cooperatives to levy their combined purchasing power as a means of negotiating better pricing for procurement of necessary materials, equipment, and supplies.

Proposed law authorizes any public school district or public school to participate in a school district purchasing cooperative for the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies.

Proposed law provides that public schools and public school districts which are members of a school district purchasing cooperative may purchase materials, equipment, and supplies in accordance with contracts submitted to the school district purchasing cooperative by a vendor.

Proposed law defines "school district purchasing cooperative" as an organization, whether for profit or not for profit, to which two or more public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from vendors of services, materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may be purchased by a public school district or public school.

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