

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law authorized a public school district or public school to participate in a school district purchasing cooperative for the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies. Defined such a cooperative as an organization, whether profit or not for profit, of which two or more public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from vendors.

Prior law authorized members of a cooperative to purchase materials, equipment, and supplies in accordance with contracts submitted by a vendor. Required cooperatives to use a request for proposals process. Provided relative to the required notice and required selection of the responsible and responsive proposal that provided the lowest price.

New law authorizes any public school district or public school to enter an agreement with a group purchasing organization for the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies; authorizes inclusion of installation with such purchases.

New law, relative to *materials and supplies*, requires that an agreement with such an organization require 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. Relative to *equipment*, authorizes a school board to purchase equipment from such an organization if the price for such equipment is less than that for the same or substantially similar equipment on the state bid list.

New law provides that price lists submitted by a qualified group purchasing organization are not public records. However, 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 materials or supplies being purchased become a public record at the time of opening of bids for those materials or supplies.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(1)-(4)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(4)(a)-(g))