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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to agreements between public school districts and public schools and group purchasing organizations.

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 authorizes a school board to purchase materials, equipment, or supplies directly through a group purchasing organization if the price is less than that for the same or substantially similar materials, equipment, or supplies on the state contract or bid list. Proposed law authorizes a school board to make such purchases if the same or substantially similar materials, equipment, or supplies are not under state contract or on the state bid list. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(4))