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SENATE BILL NO. 598

BY SENATOR ERDEY

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Authorizes appropriate early childhood programs to engage in cooperative purchasing. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1701(3), relative to cooperative purchasing; to authorize appropriate early childhood programs to conduct cooperative purchasing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:1701(3) is hereby amended and reenact to read as follows:

§1701. Definitions of terms used in this Part

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(3) "Local public procurement unit" means any parish, city, town, governmental body, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof, public authority, public educational, health, or other institution, **appropriate early childhood program as defined in R.S. 17:407.1**, and to the extent provided by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of supplies, services, major repairs, and construction, and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Erdey (SB 598)

Present law, relative to cooperative purchasing under the Procurement Code, authorizes local public procurement units to engage in cooperative purchasing.

Defines "cooperative purchasing" as procurement conducted by or on behalf of more than one public procurement unit or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity or by a private procurement unit.

Defines "local public procurement unit" as any parish, city, town, governmental body, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof, public authority, public educational, health, or other institution, and to the extent provided by law, any other entity that expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of supplies, services, major repairs, and construction, and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital.

Proposed law includes appropriate early childhood programs, developmentally appropriate programs for children ages three to five years that are in compliance with DOE regulatory guidelines and are approved by BESE, as local public procurement units authorized to engage in cooperative purchasing. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 39:1701(3))