

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 598

BY SENATOR ERDEY

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Authorizes certain early childhood learning centers to engage in cooperative purchasing. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1701(4), relative to cooperative purchasing; to authorize
3 certain early childhood learning centers to conduct cooperative purchasing; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 39:1701(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1701. Definitions of terms used in this Part

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9 (4) "Private procurement unit" means any independent institution of higher
10 education in this state **or any early childhood learning center as defined in R.S.**

11 **46:1403(A)(6).**

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The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

DIGEST

Erdey (SB 598)

Present law, relative to cooperative purchasing under the Procurement Code, authorizes local

public procurement units and private 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.

Defines "private procurement unit" as any independent institution of higher education in this state.

Proposed law retains present law and includes an early childhood learning center as defined in present law in the definition of "private procurement unit".

Present law (R.S. 46:1403(A)(6)) defines "early childhood learning center" as any child day care center, Early Head Start grantee, Head Start grantee, or stand-alone prekindergarten or kindergarten that is not attached to a school and that is licensed by the state.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 39:1701(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Allows early childhood learning centers not attached to a school to participate in cooperative purchasing pursuant to the state procurement code as a "private procurement unit" instead of as a "public procurement unit".