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HOUSE BILL NO. 690

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CHAMPAGNE, HENRY, IVEY, JEFFERSON, PRICE, REYNOLDS, RITCHIE,
AND SMITH

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, of which two or more
20 public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from
21 vendors of services, materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may
22 be purchased by a public school district or public school.

1 (4) A school district purchasing cooperative shall use the following request
2 for proposals process in the solicitation of vendors for materials, equipment, and
3 supplies:

4 (a) Public notice shall be given by the placement of an advertisement in the
5 official journal of the state at least once. Advertisements may also be placed in other
6 newspapers, trade journals, and websites at the discretion of the cooperative.

7 (b) The notice shall include the nature of the materials, equipment, or
8 supplies sought and may include information on the estimated quantity sought and
9 the time frame for purchase by the members of the cooperative.

10 (c) The advertisement shall appear at least fifteen days before the last day
11 that proposals may be submitted.

12 (d) The notice shall be provided at least fifteen days before the last day for
13 proposals to be accepted to persons, firms, or companies that have requested to be
14 notified of requests for proposals.

15 (e) The notice shall include information with regard to the deadline for
16 submission of proposals and contact information for questions concerning the
17 solicitation.

18 (f) The responsible and responsive proposal that provides the lowest price
19 shall be selected.

20 (g) The selected vendor shall agree to make the subject materials, equipment,
21 or supplies available for the price set forth in the proposal to any member of the
22 school district purchasing cooperative.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____