

New law authorizes public school districts and public schools to participate in a school district purchasing cooperative for the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies. Defines such a cooperative as an organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, of which two or more public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from vendors for services, materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may be purchased by a public school district or public school. Authorizes cooperative members to purchase materials, equipment, and supplies in accordance with contracts submitted to the cooperative by a vendor. Requires cooperatives to use a request for proposals process as specified in new law in the solicitation of vendors.

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