

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to electronic auction services;
3 amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising the powers and
4 duties of the district school board to authorize the
5 adoption of rules regarding procurement practices;
6 defining the term "electronic auction services";
7 amending s. 1006.27, F.S.; authorizing a district
8 school board's use of electronic auction services in
9 conjunction with bid pooling for school buses and
10 related purchases; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (12) of section
15 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
17 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
18 powers and perform all duties listed below:

19 (12) FINANCE.—Take steps to assure students adequate
20 educational facilities through the financial procedure
21 authorized in chapters 1010 and 1011 and as prescribed below:

22 (i) Contracts for materials, supplies, and services.—
23 Contract for materials, supplies, and services needed for the
24 district school system. No contract for supplying these needs
25 shall be made with any member of the district school board, with
26 the district school superintendent, or with any business

27 organization in which any district school board member or the
28 district school superintendent has any financial interest
29 whatsoever. The district school board may adopt purchasing rules
30 to assist with the efficient and effective procurement of goods
31 and services, including online procurement, electronic auction
32 services, and multistate purchasing consortia. As used in this
33 paragraph, the term "electronic auction services" means a
34 procurement conducted on a centralized website using third-party
35 software, jointly managed by an approved vendor and an agency or
36 governmental entity, and using the procurement process set forth
37 in s. 287.057 or other authorized means of obtaining competitive
38 prices in an auction environment.

39 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1006.27, Florida
40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41 1006.27 Pooling of school buses and related purchases by
42 district school boards; transportation services contracts.—

43 (1) The department shall assist district school boards in
44 securing school buses, contractual needs, equipment, and
45 supplies at as reasonable prices as possible by providing a plan
46 under which district school boards may voluntarily pool their
47 bids for such purchases. The department shall prepare bid forms
48 and specifications, obtain quotations of prices and make such
49 information available to district school boards in order to
50 facilitate this service and use electronic auction services, as
51 defined in s. 1001.42(12)(i), or other efficient procurement
52 tools and multistate purchasing consortia. District school

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53 | boards may also use electronic auction services or other
54 | efficient procurement tools for such purchases. District school
55 | boards from time to time, as prescribed by State Board of
56 | Education rule, shall furnish the department with information
57 | concerning the prices paid for such items and the department
58 | shall furnish to district school boards periodic information
59 | concerning the lowest prices at which school buses, equipment,
60 | and related supplies are available based upon comparable
61 | specifications.

62 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.