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SYNOPSIS

Requires State to enter into contract for COVID-19 related goods and services for purchase by school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning a State contract for the purchase of COVID-19
2 related materials by school districts.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation
8 to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Purchase and
9 Property in the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the
10 Commissioner of the Department of Education, shall award a
11 contract or contracts, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
12 34 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, for the procurement of
13 COVID-19 related goods and services, as specified by the
14 commissioner, that aid in meeting the COVID-19 guidelines issued
15 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The director, in
16 consultation with the commissioner, may make awards to multiple
17 bidders in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1986, c.26 (C.52:34-
18 12.1). Advertised bidding shall not be required to award a contract
19 or contracts to obtain those goods and services necessary to address
20 the public exigency when the Division of Purchase of Property
21 provides preapproval.

22 b. The board of education of a school district, without
23 advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained
24 pursuant to advertising therefor, may purchase COVID-19 related
25 goods and services, upon adoption of a resolution, through the
26 contract or contracts for such goods and services entered into by the
27 Division of Purchase and Property pursuant to the provisions of
28 subsection a. of this section.

29 c. The Department of Education shall coordinate the purchase
30 of COVID-19 related goods and services by school districts that
31 seek to purchase the goods and services in accordance with
32 subsection b. of this section.

33 d. As used in this section:

34 "Board of education" means and includes the board of education
35 of any local school district, consolidated school district, regional
36 school district, county vocational school and any other board of
37 education or other similar body, other than the State Board of
38 Education, the Commission on Higher Education or the Presidents'
39 Council, established and operating under the provisions of Title
40 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and having authority to make
41 purchases and to enter into contracts for the provision or
42 performance of goods or services. The term "board of education"
43 also shall include the board of trustees of a charter school
44 established under P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-1 et seq.).

45 "School district" means a local or regional school district
46 established pursuant to chapter 8 or chapter 13 of Title 18A of the
47 New Jersey Statutes, a county special services school district
48 established pursuant to article 8 of chapter 46 of Title 18A of the

1 New Jersey Statutes, a county vocational school district established
2 pursuant to article 3 of chapter 54 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes, and a district under full State intervention pursuant to
4 P.L.1987, c.399 (C.18A:7A-34 et al.).

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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on
7 July 1, 2022.

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STATEMENT

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12 This bill requires the State to award a contract for the purchase
13 COVID-19 related goods and services by school districts. The
14 goods and services would include medical supplies and devices,
15 among other things. The State would not be limited to awarding
16 contracts to one bidder. If it is deemed advantageous, the State may
17 award contracts to more than one bidder to fill the necessary
18 demand for COVID-19 related goods and services.

19 School districts throughout the State would then be permitted to
20 purchase the goods and services under the contract. Under the bill,
21 the Commissioner of the Department of Education would be
22 required to coordinate the purchase of goods and services by the
23 school districts.

24 This bill would expire on July 1, 2022.