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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing a centralized state school bus purchasing
- 2 program administered by the department of administrative
- 3 services.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **8A.319 Centralized state school** 2 bus purchasing program.
- The department shall develop procedures and
- 4 specifications for the solicitation of bids for the purchase of
- 5 school buses, in consultation with the department of education,
- 6 school districts, and nonpublic schools. In soliciting bids,
- 7 the department shall conform to all applicable state and
- 8 federal laws, rules, and regulations regarding standards for
- 9 school buses.
- 2. As a condition of participating in the state school bus
- 11 purchasing program, each bidder shall agree that if the bidder
- 12 subsequently offers a substantially similar bid to another
- 13 purchaser for a lower price, the bidder's contract price with
- 14 the state shall be automatically reduced to match the lower
- 15 price.
- 16 3. As a condition of participating in the state school
- 17 bus purchasing program, each bidder shall agree to include an
- 18 option for school districts to trade in school buses currently
- 19 in use.
- 20 4. The department may award a contract for purchase to
- 21 any bidder or bidders responsive to the needs of at least
- 22 one school district or nonpublic school participating in the
- 23 program.
- 24 5. Participation in the state school bus purchasing program
- 25 by school districts and nonpublic schools is voluntary. A
- 26 school district or nonpublic school may accept any bid for
- 27 which the department awards a contract for purchase. A school
- 28 district or nonpublic school participating in the program shall
- 29 conform to all applicable local, state, and federal laws,
- 30 rules, and regulations regarding standards for school buses.
- 31 A school district or nonpublic school may participate in the
- 32 program in lieu of following the procedures for the purchase of
- 33 school buses prescribed by chapter 285.
- 34 6. The department, in conjunction with the department of
- 35 education, shall adopt rules to administer this section.

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- 1 Sec. 2. Section 285.10, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code 2 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 b. By purchasing buses and entering into contracts to pay
- 4 for such buses in accordance with section 8A.319 or over a
- 5 five-year period as follows: one-fourth of the cost when the
- 6 bus is delivered and the balance in equal annual installments,
- 7 plus simple interest due. The interest rate shall be the
- 8 lowest rate available and shall not exceed the rate in effect
- 9 under section 74A.2. The bus shall serve as security for
- 10 balance due. Competitive bids on comparable equipment shall be
- 11 requested on all school bus purchases and shall be based upon
- 12 minimum construction standards established by the department of
- 13 education. Bids shall be requested unless the bus is a used or
- 14 demonstrator bus.
- 15 EXPLANATION
- 16 This bill establishes a centralized state school bus
- 17 purchasing program administered by the department of
- 18 administrative services. The bill directs the department
- 19 of administrative services to develop procedures and
- 20 specifications for the solicitation of bids for the purchase of
- 21 school buses, in consultation with the department of education,
- 22 school districts, and nonpublic schools. In soliciting bids,
- 23 the department must conform to all applicable state and federal
- 24 laws, rules, and regulations regarding standards for school
- 25 buses.
- 26 The bill provides that as a condition of participating in
- 27 the state school bus purchasing program, each bidder must agree
- 28 that if the bidder subsequently offers a substantially similar
- 29 bid to another purchaser for a lower price, the bidder's
- 30 contract price with the state will be automatically reduced to
- 31 match the lower price. The bill provides that as a condition
- 32 of participating in the program, each bidder must also agree to
- 33 include an option for school districts to trade in school buses
- 34 currently in use.
- 35 The bill provides that the department of administrative

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- 1 services may award a contract for purchase to any bidder or
- 2 bidders responsive to the needs of at least one school district
- 3 or nonpublic school participating in the state school bus
- 4 purchasing program.
- 5 The bill provides that participation in the state school bus
- 6 purchasing program by school districts and nonpublic schools
- 7 is voluntary. The bill provides that a school district or
- 8 nonpublic school may accept any bid for which the department
- 9 of administrative services awards a contract for purchase.
- 10 The bill provides that a school district or nonpublic school
- 11 participating in the program must conform to all applicable
- 12 local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations
- 13 regarding standards for school buses. The bill specifies that
- 14 a school district or nonpublic school may participate in the
- 15 program in lieu of following the procedures for the purchase of
- 16 school buses prescribed by Code chapter 285.
- 17 The bill directs the department of administrative services,
- 18 in conjunction with the department of education, to adopt rules
- 19 to administer the bill.