

House File 456 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 4)

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:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8A.319 Centralized state school
2 bus purchasing program.

3 1. 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.

10 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.

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.