

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1675

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to establish a central purchasing program; stating purpose of the program; requiring all school districts to coordinate certain acquisitions through the purchasing program; authorizing the State Department of Education to negotiate certain discounts and contracts; allowing the Department to work with the Department of Central Purchasing for certain purpose; directing the Board to promulgate rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-104.8 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall establish in the State Department of Education a central purchasing program to assist school districts in obtaining certain supplies and products at a competitive price and in a time-efficient manner. The purpose of the program shall be to:

1. Realize savings in the overhead costs of preparing specifications and advertising for bids for school supplies and products;
2. Obtain lower unit costs by consolidated volume ordering;
3. Unify specifications and quality standards for school supplies and products; and
4. Implement and maintain industry leading technologies to streamline the bidding and purchasing processes.

B. All school districts in the state shall coordinate acquisition of certain supplies and products through the central purchasing program in the State Department of Education. The Department may negotiate for educational discounts from the published price and make consolidated or statewide contracts for several or all school districts in the state for the purchase of school supplies and products.

C. The Department of Education may work with the Department of Central Purchasing in establishing policies and procedures for the procurement of school supplies and products.

D. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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