Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits school districts to participate in ODOT contracts for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies, and other articles.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

ODOT purchase contracts for machinery, materials, supplies, and other articles

Current law governs the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies, and other articles by the Director of Transportation. Generally, all such purchases must be made at ODOT's central office, but the Director may provide written authorization for such purchases to be made by ODOT district deputy directors. The Director may make smaller purchases after giving such notice as the Director considers proper or without giving any notice. Larger purchases must be made by competitive bidding. (R.C. 5513.01(A).)

Under current law, the Director may permit the Ohio Turnpike Commission, any political subdivision, and any state university or college to participate in contracts into which the Director has entered for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies, or other articles. If the Commission, a political subdivision, or a state university or college desires to participate in such purchase contracts, it must file with the Director a certified copy of the bylaws or rules in the case of the Turnpike Commission or the ordinance or resolution of the legislative authority, board of trustees, or other governing board in the case of political subdivisions and state universities and colleges requesting authorization to participate in such purchase contracts and agreeing to be bound by such terms and conditions as the Director prescribes. Purchases made by the

Commission, political subdivisions, or state universities or colleges under this provision are exempt from any competitive bidding required by law for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies, or other articles. For purposes of this provision, "political subdivision" means any county, township, municipal corporation, conservancy district, park district, township park district, port authority, regional transit authority, regional airport authority, regional water and sewer district, or county transit board. (R.C. 5513.01(B) and (C)(1).)

The bill retains all the above provisions, but adds to the definition of "political subdivision" a school district. The bill defines "school district" as "any city school district, local school district, exempted village school district, cooperative education school district, and joint vocational school district."

HISTORY

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