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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. STEWART-COUSINS, AVELLA, KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the education law, in relation to the information technology procurement savings act of 2011; provides local governments and school districts more contract flexibility; and provides for purchasing services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the information technology procurement savings act of 2011".

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- S 2. Section 103 of the general municipal law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 1-b and 16 to read as follows:
- 1-B. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ANY DISTRICT THEREIN SHALL HAVE THE OPTION OF PURCHASING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARD-WARE, SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PERMISSIBLE PURSUANT TO FEDERAL GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE SEVENTY OR ANY SUCCESSOR SCHEDULE. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ANY DISTRICT THEREIN THAT PURCHASES THROUGH GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE SEVENTY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE CONTRACTS SHALL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL SCHEDULE ORDERING PROCEDURES AS PROVIDED IN FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION 8.405-1 OR 8.405-2, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE. ADHERENCE TO SUCH PROCEDURE SHALL CONSTITUTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 16. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION
 18 AND IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION
 19 AND SECTION ONE HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY OFFICER, BOARD OR
 20 AGENCY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR OF ANY DISTRICT THEREIN AUTHORIZED
 21 TO MAKE PURCHASES OF MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MAY MAKE SUCH
 22 PURCHASES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY SUCH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ANY

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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DISTRICT THEREIN THROUGH THE USE OF A CONTRACT LET BY ANY OTHER STATE OR SUCH CONTRACT WAS LET IN ACCORDANCE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IF COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION WITH THE INTENT OF EXTENDING ITS USE TO CERTAIN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. PRIOR TO MAKING SUCH A PURCHASE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR DISTRICT MAKING THE PURCHASE SHALL DETERMINE, UPON REVIEW OF ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND, AS APPROPRIATE, UPON ADVICE OF ITS COUNSEL, THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION HAVE BEEN MET, AND SHALL CERTIFY, BY RESOLUTION, THAT SUCH PURCHASE IS PERMITTED UNDER THE PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR DISTRICT, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED FOUR-B OF THIS ARTICLE.

- S 3. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 109-c to read as follows:
- S 109-C. PURCHASE OF SERVICES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, ANY OFFICER, BOARD OR AGENCY OF A VILLAGE, TOWN OR COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PURCHASES THROUGH THE LOCAL SCHOOL OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) DISTRICT SUBJECT TO SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW OR THROUGH THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1555 OF THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION STREAMLINING ACT OF 1994. ALL PURCHASES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AUDIT AND INSPECTION BY THE VILLAGE, TOWN OR COUNTY. NO OFFICER, BOARD OR AGENCY OF A VILLAGE, TOWN OR COUNTY SHALL MAKE A PURCHASE THROUGH SUCH SCHOOL OR BOCES DISTRICT WHEN BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR SUCH PURCHASE BY SUCH OFFICER, BOARD OR AGENCY, UNLESS SUCH PURCHASE MAY BE MADE UPON THE SAME TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT A LOWER PRICE THROUGH SUCH SCHOOL OR BOCES DISTRICT.
- S 4. The education law is amended by adding a new article 25 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25 SHARED CONTRACTS

SECTION 1210. SHARED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

S 1210. SHARED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ANY LOCAL SCHOOL OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO SHARE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, AS REFERENCED IN SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FORTY-THREE OF SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW, OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY OFFICER, BOARD OR AGENCY OF A VILLAGE, TOWN OR COUNTY.

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to procurement contracts entered into on or after such effective date.