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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the purchase and delivery of material goods, supplies and services by or to the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 36 of section 2590-h of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 36. [Develop a procurement policy for the city school district of the
5 city of New York and the districts and public schools therein. Such
6 policy shall ensure the wise and prudent use of public money in the best
7 interest of the taxpayers of the state; guard against favoritism, impro-
8 vidence, extravagance, fraud, and corruption; and ensure that contracts
9 are awarded consistent with law and on the basis of best value, includ-
10 ing, but not limited to, the following criteria: quality, cost and effi-
11 ciency. Such policy shall also include: (a) standards for quality, func-
12 tion, and utility of all material goods, supplies, and services
13 purchased by the chancellor, superintendents, or schools; (b) regu-
14 lations for the purchase of material goods, supplies, and services by
15 the chancellor, the superintendents, and the schools, including clearly
16 articulated procedures which require a clear statement of product spec-
17 ifications, requirements or work to be performed, a documentable process
18 of soliciting bids, proposals, or other offers, and a balanced and fair
19 method, established in advance of receipt of offers, for evaluating
20 offers and awarding contracts; (c) regulations which enable superinten-
21 dents and schools to purchase material goods, supplies, and services
22 directly from vendors or suppliers when such products are available at
23 prices or other terms more economically beneficial for the purposes of
24 the acquiring superintendent or school; and (d) regulations shall

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

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1 include repair services and building supplies, as defined in such regu-
2 lations, for expenditures from each district's minor repair and purchas-
3 ing funds pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-r of this arti-
4 cle.] (A) ENSURE THAT ALL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS INVOLVING THE PURCHASE
5 OR DELIVERY OF MATERIAL GOODS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES BY OR TO THE CHAN-
6 CELLOR, THE SUPERINTENDENTS OR THE SCHOOLS, INCLUDING ANY FRANCHISE OR
7 CONCESSION AGREEMENTS, REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF FUNDS, ARE ENTERED
8 INTO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN
9 OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER AND THE RULES OF THE NEW YORK CITY PROCURE-
10 MENT POLICY BOARD AND OF THE NEW YORK CITY FRANCHISE CONCESSION AND
11 REVIEW COMMITTEE, PROVIDED THAT WHERE SUCH LAW OR RULES REQUIRE ACTION
12 BY OR APPEAL TO THE MAYOR OR AN APPOINTEE OF THE MAYOR, OTHER THAN THE
13 CHANCELLOR, SUCH ACTION SHALL INSTEAD BE TAKEN BY THE CHANCELLOR OR SUCH
14 APPOINTEE OF THE CHANCELLOR AS THE CHANCELLOR MAY DELEGATE IN WRITING,
15 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, ANY CONTRACT AWARDED WITHOUT COMPETITION OR IN
16 EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE VOTE OF THE FULL
17 BOARD OF EDUCATION UNLESS SUCH CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED AN EMERGENCY AS
18 DEFINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER OR
19 SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD
20 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THE NEW YORK
21 CITY CHARTER. NO SUCH CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL
22 IT HAS BEEN FILED AND REGISTERED BY THE COMPTROLLER PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS
23 FIVE AND THIRTEEN OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
24 SUBDIVISION, THE TERMS "CONTRACT" OR "AGREEMENT" SHALL INCLUDE ANY
25 CONTRACT THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BENEFITS THE CITY DISTRICT, INCLUD-
26 ING ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER INSTRUMENT IN WHICH THE CITY, CITY BOARD OR
27 ANY OF ITS OFFICERS AGREES TO GIVE OR RECEIVE A CONSIDERATION OTHER THAN
28 THE PAYMENT OF MONEY;

29 (B) ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR QUALITY, FUNCTION, AND UTILITY OF ALL
30 MATERIAL GOODS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES PURCHASED BY THE CHANCELLOR,
31 SUPERINTENDENTS, OR SCHOOLS; AND

32 (C) PROMULGATE REGULATIONS WHICH ENABLE SUPERINTENDENTS AND SCHOOLS TO
33 PURCHASE MATERIAL GOODS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES DIRECTLY FROM VENDORS OR
34 SUPPLIERS WHEN SUCH PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT PRICES OR OTHER TERMS MORE
35 ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACQUIRING SUPERINTENDENT
36 OR SCHOOL. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE REPAIR SERVICES AND
37 BUILDING SUPPLIES, AS DEFINED IN SUCH REGULATIONS, FOR EXPENDITURES FROM
38 EACH DISTRICT'S MINOR REPAIR AND PURCHASING FUNDS PURSUANT TO SECTION
39 TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-R OF THIS ARTICLE.

40 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-
41 ments to subdivision 36 of section 2590-h of the education law made by
42 section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivi-
43 sion and shall be deemed to expire therewith.