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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1526

4
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUSES; TO AMEND THE LAW
9 CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PURCHASE
15 OF SCHOOL BUSES.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-114 is amended to read as follows:
21 6-19-114. Purchase of buses.

22 (a) School buses purchased with loans from the Revolving Loan Fund
23 ~~must~~ shall meet the prescribed minimum standards and regulations for school
24 buses and ~~must~~ shall be owned and operated by the public school district
25 purchasing ~~them~~ the school buses.

26 (b)(1) Except as provided under § 6-21-306(b), the purchase of school
27 buses with loans from the fund under subsection (a) of this section shall be
28 made ~~upon~~ after the receipt of competitive bids.

29 (2) Forms for bids shall be approved by the State Board of
30 Education.

31 (3) The public school district shall advertise for bids by
32 publication of notice in a newspaper having bona fide circulation in the
33 county where the public school district is located, one (1) time a week for
34 two (2) weeks, giving the date and place of opening bids.

35 (4) The first publication of notice shall be not less than
36 thirty (30) days from the date set for opening bids and awarding of



1 contracts.

2 (c)(1) ~~Any A school district which shall desire that the state board~~
 3 ~~purchase buses for that school district, instead of making the purchase as~~
 4 ~~provided in this section,~~ may apply to the state board to ~~make the purchase~~
 5 school buses for it instead of accepting competitive bids under subsection
 6 (b) of this section.

7 (2)(A) If the state board ~~shall receive~~ receives ~~within a sixty-~~
 8 ~~day period~~ application applications for the purchase of ten (10) or more
 9 buses from one (1) or more districts during a sixty-day period, the purchase
 10 shall, ~~collectively,~~ be made collectively by the state board. ~~as is provided~~
 11 ~~in this section for advertising for and accepting bids by a school district,~~

12 (B) A purchase made by the state board under subdivision
 13 (c)(2)(A) of this section shall comply with the competitive bidding process
 14 under subsection (b) of this section, except that the advertisement for bids
 15 shall be in ~~some~~ a newspaper ~~having~~ that has a statewide circulation.

16 (d) A school district shall be eligible to purchase a school bus at a
 17 lower interest rate under this section.

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