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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 329

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO RAISE THE PRICE THRESHOLD FOR THE PURCHASE  
9 OF COMMODITIES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST PROCURE BY  
10 SOLICITING BIDS; TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS IN  
11 THE PURCHASE PRICE THRESHOLD BASED ON INFLATION; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES THAT SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICTS MUST PROCURE BY SOLICITING  
19 BIDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL  
20 ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PURCHASE PRICE  
21 THRESHOLD BASED ON INFLATION.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-304(a)(1), concerning the procurement  
27 of commodities by a school district, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a)(1)(A) All purchases of commodities by any school district, except  
29 those specifically exempted by § 6-21-305, shall be made as follows:

30 ~~(A)(i)(a)~~ In each instance in which the estimated  
31 purchase price shall equal or exceed ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ twenty  
32 thousand dollars (\$20,000), the commodity shall be procured by soliciting  
33 bids, provided that the purchasing official may reject all bids and may  
34 purchase the commodity by negotiating a contract.

35 ~~(i)(b)~~ If the purchasing official, after  
36 rejecting all bids, determines that the purchase should be made by



1 negotiation, then each responsible bidder who submitted a bid shall be  
2 notified of the determination and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to  
3 negotiate;

4 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Open market purchases may be made when the  
5 purchase price is less than ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ twenty thousand  
6 dollars (\$20,000); and

7 ~~(C)(iii)~~ No purchasing official shall parcel or  
8 split any item or items with the intent or purpose to enable the purchase to  
9 be made under a less restrictive procedure.

10 (B) Annually on July 1, the Commissioner of Education  
11 shall adjust the purchase price amounts under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this  
12 section by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
13 Consumers or its successor.

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