
HOUSE BILL 2331

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district contracts; and amending RCW
2 28A.335.170 and 28A.160.140.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.335.170 and 1990 c 33 s 360 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The board of directors of any school district may enter into
7 contracts for their respective districts (~~for periods not exceeding~~
8 ~~five years in duration~~)) with public and private persons,
9 organizations, and entities for the following purposes:

10 (1) To rent or lease building space, portable buildings, security
11 systems, computers and other equipment;

12 (2) To have maintained and repaired security systems, computers and
13 other equipment; and

14 (3) To provide pupil transportation services.

15 No school district may enter into a contract for pupil
16 transportation unless it has notified the superintendent of public
17 instruction that, in the best judgment of the district, the cost of
18 contracting will not exceed the projected cost of operating its own
19 pupil transportation.

1 The budget of each school district shall identify that portion of
2 each contractual liability incurred pursuant to this section extending
3 beyond the fiscal year by amount, duration, and nature of the
4 contracted service and/or item in accordance with rules and regulations
5 of the superintendent of public instruction adopted pursuant to RCW
6 28A.505.140 and 28A.310.330.

7 The provisions of this section shall not have any effect on the
8 length of contracts for school district employees specified by RCW
9 28A.400.300 and 28A.405.210.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.160.140 and 1990 c 33 s 140 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 As a condition of entering into a pupil transportation services
13 contract with a private nongovernmental entity, each school district
14 shall engage in an open competitive process (~~at least once every five~~
15 ~~years. This requirement shall not be construed to prohibit a district~~
16 ~~from entering into a pupil transportation services contract of less~~
17 ~~than five years in duration with a district option to renew, extend, or~~
18 ~~terminate the contract, if the district engages in an open competitive~~
19 ~~process at least once every five years after July 26, 1987)). As used~~
20 in this section:

21 (1) "Open competitive process" means either one of the following,
22 at the choice of the school district:

23 (a) The solicitation of bids or quotations and the award of
24 contracts under RCW 28A.335.190; or

25 (b) The competitive solicitation of proposals and their evaluation
26 consistent with the process and criteria recommended or required, as
27 the case may be, by the office of financial management for state agency
28 acquisition of personal service contractors;

29 (2) "Pupil transportation services contract" means a contract for
30 the operation of privately owned or school district owned school buses,
31 and the services of drivers or operators, management and supervisory
32 personnel, and their support personnel such as secretaries,
33 dispatchers, and mechanics, or any combination thereof, to provide
34 students with transportation to and from school on a regular basis; and

35 (3) "School bus" means a motor vehicle as defined in RCW 46.04.521
36 and under the rules of the superintendent of public instruction.

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