

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/SB 350 — Procurement Procedures for Educational Institutions

by Appropriations Committee; and Senators Montford, Hutson, Gaetz, and Soto

The bill requires each district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees to:

- Review the purchasing agreements and state term contracts available through the Department of Management Services pursuant to s. 287.056, F.S., before purchasing nonacademic commodities and services; and
- Include in each bid specification for nonacademic commodities and services a statement that the purchasing agreements and state term contracts have been reviewed.

These requirements do not apply to services that are eligible for reimbursement under the federal E-rate program administered by the Universal Service Administration Company.

The bill also authorizes each district school board to use the cooperative state purchasing programs managed through the regional consortium service organizations.

The bill authorizes district school boards, Florida College System institution boards of trustees and university boards of trustees to make purchases through an online procurement system, electronic auction service, or other efficient procurement tool.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0