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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.21

from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.21

Amends the School Code. With respect to school districts other than Chicago, requires that certain contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by local policy (rather than \$10,000) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Makes changes concerning the exceptions to this requirement, including an exception for contracts for services of corporations possessing a high degree of professional skill where ability and fitness play an important part, contracts for food services, contracts for utilities and related services when the cost is less than that offered by a local distribution company, and contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 (rather than \$20,000). Adds an exception for contracts for the provision of motor vehicle fuel. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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1 AN ACT concerning schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
10-20.21 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.21)

7 Sec. 10-20.21. Contracts.

(a) To award all contracts for purchase of supplies, 8 9 materials or work or contracts with private carriers for 10 transportation of pupils involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required by board policy \$10,000 11 to the lowest responsible bidder, considering conformity with 12 13 specifications, terms of delivery, quality and serviceability, 14 after due advertisement, except the following: (i) contracts for the services of individuals or corporations possessing a 15 16 high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness 17 of the individual or corporation plays an important part; (ii) contracts for the printing of finance committee reports and 18 19 departmental reports; (iii) contracts for the printing or engraving of bonds, tax warrants and other evidences of 20 21 indebtedness; (iv) contracts for the purchase of perishable foods and perishable beverages, including, but not limited to, 22 food service contracts; (v) contracts for materials and work 23

which have been awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after 1 2 due advertisement, but due to unforeseen revisions, not the fault of the contractor for materials and work, must be revised 3 causing expenditures not in excess of 10% of the contract 4 5 price; (vi) contracts for the maintenance or servicing of, or provision of repair parts for, equipment which are made with 6 7 the manufacturer or authorized service agent of that equipment 8 where the provision of parts, maintenance, or servicing can 9 best be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service 10 agent; (vii) purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, 11 delivery, movement, or installation of data processing 12 equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and 13 equipment, software, and services; interconnect (viii) 14 contracts for duplicating machines and supplies; (ix) 15 contracts for the purchase of utilities and related services 16 natural gas when the cost is less than that offered by the 17 local distribution company a public utility; (x) purchases of equipment previously owned by some entity other than the 18 19 district itself; (xi) contracts for repair, maintenance, 20 remodeling, renovation, or construction, or a single project involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 \$20,000 and not 21 22 involving a change or increase in the size, type, or extent of 23 an existing facility; (xii) contracts for goods or services 24 procured from another governmental agency or consortia of 25 agencies; (xiii) contracts for goods or services which are 26 economically procurable from only one source, such as for the

purchase of magazines, books, periodicals, pamphlets and reports, and for utility services such as water, light, heat, telephone or telegraph; (xiv) where funds are expended in an emergency and such emergency expenditure is approved by 3/4 of the members of the board; and (xv) State master contracts authorized under Article 28A of this Code; and (xvi) contracts for the provision of motor vehicle fuel.

8 All competitive bids for contracts involving an 9 expenditure in excess of \$25,000 or a lower amount as required 10 by board policy $\frac{10,000}{10,000}$ must be sealed by the bidder and must 11 be opened by a member or employee of the school board at a 12 public bid opening at which the contents of the bids must be 13 announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days' notice of the time and place of the bid opening. For purposes of this 14 Section due advertisement includes, but is not limited to, at 15 16 least one public notice at least 10 days before the bid date in 17 a newspaper published in the district, or if no newspaper is the district, in a newspaper of general 18 published in circulation in the area of the district. State master contracts 19 20 and certified education purchasing contracts, as defined in 21 Article 28A of this Code, are not subject to the requirements 22 of this paragraph.

(b) To require, as a condition of any contract for goods and services, that persons bidding for and awarded a contract and all affiliates of the person collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State

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of Illinois in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois 1 2 Use Tax Act regardless of whether the person or affiliate is a "retailer maintaining a place of business within this State" as 3 defined in Section 2 of the Use Tax Act. For purposes of this 4 5 Section, the term "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls 6 another 7 entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively 8 controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control 9 of a common entity. For purposes of this subsection (b), an 10 entity controls another entity if it owns, directly or 11 individually, more than 10% of the voting securities of that 12 entity. As used in this subsection (b), the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the 13 right to vote for the election of members of the board of 14 15 directors or similar governing body of the business or (2) is 16 convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon its 17 exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security. 18

To require that bids and contracts include a certification by the bidder or contractor that the bidder or contractor is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under this Section and that the bidder or contractor acknowledges that the school board may declare the contract void if the certification completed pursuant to this subsection (b) is false.

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(b-5) To require all contracts and agreements that pertain

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to goods and services and that are intended to generate 1 2 additional revenue and other remunerations for the school district in excess of \$1,000, including without limitation 3 vending machine contracts, sports and other attire, class 4 5 rings, and photographic services, to be approved by the school 6 board. The school board shall file as an attachment to its 7 annual budget a report, in a form as determined by the State 8 Board of Education, indicating for the prior year the name of 9 the vendor, the product or service provided, and the actual net 10 revenue and non-monetary remuneration from each of the 11 contracts or agreements. In addition, the report shall indicate 12 for what purpose the revenue was used and how and to whom the non-monetary remuneration was distributed. 13

14 (c) If the State education purchasing entity creates a 15 master contract as defined in Article 28A of this Code, then 16 the State education purchasing entity shall notify school 17 districts of the existence of the master contract.

(d) In purchasing supplies, materials, equipment, or services that are not subject to subsection (c) of this Section, before a school district solicits bids or awards a contract, the district may review and consider as a bid under subsection (a) of this Section certified education purchasing contracts that are already available through the State education purchasing entity.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-25, eff. 6-20-03; 93-1036, eff. 9-14-04; 26 94-714, eff. 7-1-06.)

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
 becoming law.