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1 AN ACT Relating to school bus acquisitions; and amending RCW  
2 28A.160.195.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.195 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 10 s 1 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with  
7 ~~((the regional))~~ transportation ~~((coordinators of the))~~ directors  
8 representing the geographical areas of the state, the various sizes of  
9 school districts, and educational service districts, shall establish  
10 ~~((a minimum number of))~~ school bus categories ~~((considering))~~ based on  
11 the capacity ((and)), the type of vehicles, the type of fuel, and the  
12 engine placement of school buses used and required by school districts  
13 in Washington. The superintendent, in consultation with the ((regional  
14 ~~transportation coordinators of the educational service districts))~~  
15 transportation directors, shall establish competitive specifications  
16 for each category of school bus owned and operated by at least twenty  
17 percent of school districts. The categories shall be developed to  
18 produce minimum long-range operating costs, including costs of  
19 equipment and all costs in operating the vehicles. ((The categories,

1 ~~for purposes of comparative studies, will be at a minimum the same as~~  
2 ~~those in the beginning of the 1994-95 school year.))~~ The competitive  
3 specifications shall meet federal motor vehicle safety standards,  
4 minimum state specifications as established by rule by the  
5 superintendent, and supported options as determined by the  
6 superintendent in consultation with ~~((the regional transportation~~  
7 ~~coordinators of the educational service districts))~~ transportation  
8 directors.

9 (2) After establishing school bus categories and competitive  
10 specifications, the superintendent of public instruction shall solicit  
11 competitive price quotes from school bus dealers to be in effect for  
12 one year and establish a list of the lowest competitive price quotes  
13 obtained under this subsection.

14 (3) The superintendent shall base the level of reimbursement to  
15 school districts and educational service districts for school buses on  
16 the lowest quote in each category.

17 (4) Notwithstanding RCW 28A.335.190, school districts and  
18 educational service districts may purchase at the quoted price directly  
19 from the dealer who is providing the lowest competitive price quote on  
20 the list established under subsection (2) of this section. School  
21 districts and educational service districts may make their own  
22 selections for school buses, but shall be reimbursed at the rates  
23 determined under this section and RCW 28A.160.200. District-selected  
24 options shall not be reimbursed by the state.

25 (5) This section does not prohibit school districts or educational  
26 service districts from conducting their own competitive bid process.

27 (6) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules under  
28 chapter 34.05 RCW to implement this section.

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