

HOUSE BILL 1629

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1205, relative to cooperative purchasing agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1205(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any goods, supplies, services, or equipment with one (1) or more other governmental entities outside this state, to the extent the laws of the other state permit the joint exercise of purchasing authority, or with an agency of the United States, to the extent federal law permits the joint exercise of purchasing authority, in accordance with an agreement entered into between or among the participants; provided, such goods, supplies, services, or equipment were procured in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding and were advertised, evaluated, and awarded by a governmental entity and made available for use by other governmental entities.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to cooperative purchasing agreements entered into on or after that date.