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Overview

Modifies duration limits for contracts between a school board and food service management company.

Section

- 1 **Exception to contract limits.** Provides exception to rule that school district contracts must not exceed two years with an option on the part of the district to renew for an additional two years. Exception applies to contracts under section 2.
- 2 **Food service contracts.** Requires that a contract between a school board and a food service management company comply with federal regulation in order to be renewed after initial term for up to three additional years.

Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.16, sets requirements for districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program and Commodity Schools Programs, and contract with food service management companies. The regulation provides the following:

- Prohibits districts from contracting with a food service management company to operate an a la carte food service unless the company agrees to offer free, reduced price and paid reimbursable lunches to all eligible children.
- Regulates district operation of the food service, including requiring adherence to procurement standards, monitoring the food service, and establishing an advisory board to assist in menu planning.
- Regulates the districts' invitations to bid.

Section

- Prohibits certain types of contracts, and requires certain provisions in the contracts.
- Limits duration of contracts to one year, and options for renewal to no more than four additional years. Requires contracts to include a clause allowing termination by either party with 60-days' notice.