

Subject School district transportation contracts

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Summary

Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.52 requires school districts to follow certain posting and bid requirements for most contracts for services or goods. That section also limits the term of those contracts to two years, with a possibility of a two-year extension. Exceptions to these requirements exist for certain types of contracts. Contracts for fuel and the transportation of students is one such exception, and school districts have more flexibility to choose and negotiate with vendors in forming these contracts. H.F. 3179 attempts to clarify that these contracts are also free from the two-year term limitation, which appears to be how most districts have interpreted the law previously.