

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-04.2-01 and section
2 54-44.4-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cooperative purchasing and public
3 transportation; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-04.2-01 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. "Transportation provider" means a political subdivision, tribal agency, or any nonprofit
8 corporation that provides transportation to the public, especially to elderly and
9 handicapped citizens.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.4-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **54-44.4-13. Cooperative purchasing.**

13 1. The office of management and budget shall purchase commodities or services as
14 requested by agencies and institutions under the jurisdiction of the state board of
15 higher education and the legislative and judicial branches of state government.

16 2. The office of management and budget and the agencies and institutions under the
17 jurisdiction of the state board of higher education shall make joint purchases of like
18 commodities or services of high common usage when the office of management and
19 budget and the state board of higher education determine it is in the best interest of
20 the state.

21 3. The director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee may
22 agree to purchase commodities or services under contracts entered into by the United
23 States general services administration or contracts of other government entities if it is
24 determined to be in the best interest of the state after consideration of price,

1 contractual terms and conditions, and the availability of competition from approved
2 vendors under section 54-44.4-09.

3 4. The director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee may
4 participate in, sponsor, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement with one or
5 more government entities or a nonprofit organization established on behalf of public
6 entities for the procurement of commodities or services in accordance with an
7 agreement entered into between the participants.

8 5. The director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee may
9 coordinate with the director of the department of transportation or the director's
10 designee to establish or participate in contracts which may be made available to
11 entities that have been determined by the department of transportation to be
12 transportation providers under chapter 39-04.2 eligible to receive state funds or federal
13 funds for public transportation.

14 6. Cooperative purchasing may include open-ended contracts that are available to other
15 government entities ~~or~~ nonprofit organizations established on behalf of public entities,
16 tribal agencies, or transportation providers determined to be eligible under this section.

17 ~~6.7.~~ Before entering into a cooperative purchasing agreement under this section, the office
18 of management and budget must determine that the contracts were awarded through
19 full and open competition or source selection methods specified in section 54-44.4-05
20 and shall send notice to approved vendors of the office's intent to make a cooperative
21 purchase in accordance with this chapter.

22 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.