

Texas Education Code Subchapter B, Sec. 44.031

(j) Without complying with Subsection (a), the board of trustees of a school district may purchase an item that is available from only one source, including:

- 1) An item for which competition is precluded because of the existence of a patent, copyright, secret process, or monopoly;
- 2) A film, manuscript or book;
- 3) A utility service, including electricity, gas, or water; and
- 4) A captive replacement part or component or equipment.

(k) The exceptions provided by Subsection (j) do not apply to mainframe data-processing equipment and peripheral attachments with a single-item purchase price in excess of \$15,000.

(l) Each contract proposed to be made by the board of trustees of a school district for the purchase or lease of one or more school buses, including a lease with an option to purchase, must be submitted to competitive bidding when the contract is valued at \$20,000 or more.

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