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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 541**

Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-515, Reissue  
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-106, Revised  
3 Statutes Supplement, 2002; to change public bidding  
4 requirements for certain building projects; to require  
5 public bidding for certain services, equipment, and  
6 supplies; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
7 original sections.

8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 73-106, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
2 2002, is amended to read:

3                   73-106. Whenever any public school district in the state  
4 expends public funds for the construction, remodeling, or repair of  
5 any school-owned building or for site improvements, other than  
6 those expenditures authorized by section 79-10,104 for facilities  
7 which are not to be owned by the district following their  
8 completion, the school board or its representative shall advertise  
9 for bids in the regular manner established by the board and accept  
10 or reject bids pursuant to section 73-101, except that nothing in  
11 this section applies to such construction, remodeling, repair, or  
12 site improvements when the contemplated expenditure for the  
13 complete project does not exceed ~~forty~~ thirteen thousand dollars.  
14 This section does not apply to the acquisition of existing  
15 buildings, purchase of new sites, or site expansions by the school  
16 district.

17                   Sec. 2. Section 79-515, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is amended to read:

19                   79-515. (1) The school board or board of education of  
20 any school district may enter into contracts under such terms and  
21 conditions as the board deems appropriate, for periods not to  
22 exceed four years, for the provision of utility services, refuse  
23 disposal, transportation services, maintenance services, financial  
24 services, insurance, and security services, and instructional  
25 materials, supplies, and equipment and for collective-bargaining  
26 agreements with employee groups except that if the contracted price  
27 for any of such services is reasonably expected to exceed thirteen  
28 thousand dollars annually, the school board shall not enter into

1 such a contract until bids have been let for such service pursuant  
2 to sections 73-101 to 73-106.

3 (2) The school board may enter into contracts under such  
4 terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate, for periods  
5 not to exceed four years, for collective-bargaining agreements with  
6 employee groups. This ~~section~~ subsection does not permit multiyear  
7 contracts with individual school district employees.

8 (3) If the contracted price for any contract for  
9 instructional materials, supplies, and equipment is reasonably  
10 expected to exceed thirteen thousand dollars annually, the school  
11 board shall not enter into such a contract until bids have been let  
12 pursuant to sections 73-101 to 73-106. The school board may enter  
13 into contracts under such terms and conditions as the board deems  
14 appropriate subject to such bidding process, for periods not to  
15 exceed four years, for the provision of instructional materials,  
16 supplies, and equipment.

17 Sec. 3. Original section 79-515, Reissue Revised  
18 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-106, Revised Statutes  
19 Supplement, 2002, are repealed.