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**BILL SUMMARY**  
**Senate Bill 251, Printer's No. 359**  
**Prime Sponsor: Piccola**

**A. SYNOPSIS:**

Senate Bill 251 would require that, where an intermediate unit offers a good or service to school districts, a school district that chooses to independently contract for the good or service must post on its website information regarding the good or service being purchased, its price, the identity of the provider, the reason the school district used a provider other than the intermediate unit and the intermediate unit's price for a comparable good or service.

**B. BILL ANALYSIS:**

Senate Bill 251 would amend Section 920-A of the Public School Code of 1949 to require that, where an intermediate unit offers to contract for a good or service on behalf of its member school districts, a school district choosing to independently contract for that good or service must post a notice on the school district's Internet website. The notice must state:

- (1) A description of the good or service being purchased;
- (2) The contract price of the good or service being purchased;
- (3) The name and street address of the provider of the good or service being purchased;
- (4) The reason the school district contracted with a provider other than the intermediate unit; and
- (5) The price at which a comparable good or service could be obtained from the intermediate unit, if the price can be reasonably determined.

The amendment would take effect 90 days from its enactment.

**B. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:**

Current law allows school districts comprising an intermediate unit to contract with the intermediate unit for goods and services. The school districts must pay the intermediate unit for these services in the manner agreed upon by the school districts and the intermediate unit. Section 920-A permits the intermediate unit to relieve a school district for payment for a service offered by the intermediate unit where the school district provides that service independently. The bill would amend the law to require a school district that independently contracts for goods or services offered by the intermediate unit to notify the public.