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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Hill, Superintendent

FROM: Jean A. Clark, State Procurement Administrator

DATE: September 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Textbook Purchase Exemption

This past legislative year, House Bill 2599 (procurement code; amendments) introduced various technical changes to the Arizona Procurement Code (APC). The bill passed through the legislature and was signed by Governor Brewer on May 7, 2013.

Within HB2599, several additional exemptions were added. One in particular is specific to the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind regarding the purchase of textbooks.

Effective September 13, 2013 the A.R.S. exemption will state, "The Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind are exempt from this chapter *for the purchase of textbooks and* [emphasis added] when purchasing products through a cooperative that is organized and operates in accordance with state law if such products are not available on a statewide contract and are related to the operation of the schools or are products for which special discounts are offered for educational institutions."

Please note that the APC still applies for all other procurements for the agency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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