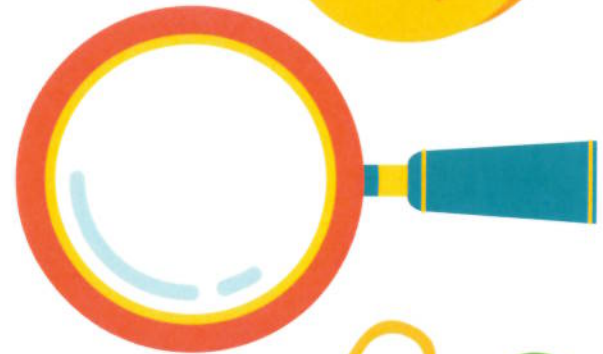




HB 118:

EDUCATION FALSE CLAIMS AMENDMENTS



KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Enacts false claims provisions for K-12 educational procurement units

The false claims provisions will provide educational procurement units another avenue by which to combat fraud in public procurement.

2. Makes USBE the rulemaking authority regarding procurement for LEAs

This change will grant USBE more oversight regarding the procurement activities being conducted by LEAs.

3. Permits an LEA to delegate procurement authority to USBE

If an LEA did not have adequate staff, resources, etc., this provision will allow an LEA to enter into an agreement with USBE to assist with the procurement functions. The language does not require an LEA to delegate its procurement authority to USBE, but merely permits it to do so, thus there would be no loss of local control for LEAs.

4. Permits USBE to conduct cooperative procurements on behalf of LEAs

This benefits the public education system by increasing purchasing power, economies of scale, and less duplication of effort.

