



Cooperative purchasing in Illinois is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act:

Illinois State Statutes

Chapter 5 General Provisions

Act 220 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act

Section 3: Intergovernmental Cooperation

Sec. 3. Intergovernmental cooperation. Any power or powers, privileges, functions, or authority exercised or which may be exercised [e.g. purchasing] by a public agency [e.g. city, county, school district] of this State may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this State and jointly with any public agency of any other state [e.g. NJPA] or of the United States to the extent that laws of such other state or of the United States do not prohibit joint exercise or enjoyment and except where specifically and expressly prohibited by law. This includes, but is not limited to, (i) arrangements between the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and agencies in other states which issue professional licenses and (ii) agreements between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) and public agencies for the establishment and enforcement of child support orders and for the exchange of information that may be necessary for the enforcement of those child support orders.

The link to the full statute can be found here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=92&ChapterID=2>

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