

House Bill 556 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Frye of the 118th, Williams of the 119th, and Quick of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the
2 City of Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7,
3 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002
4 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4743), so as to provide for the authority of the superintendent to make
5 certain purchases; to provide for performance bonds related to certain construction projects;
6 to provide for approval of certain purchases by the board of education; to provide for the
7 board of education to modify maximum expenditure amounts; to provide for related matters;
8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 An Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of
12 Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga.
13 L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002,
14 p. 4743), is amended by striking Section 11 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
15 Section 11 to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 11.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section, the superintendent of education
18 may purchase supplies, hire labor, and make repairs binding the Clarke County School
19 District where the expenditures involved do not exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. No
20 purchase involving the expenditure of more than \$5,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00 shall
21 be made in any case unless quotes are received by the school district from two or more
22 vendors.

23 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section, no contracts for the construction,
24 alteration, renovation, modification, or repair of buildings or the installation of equipment

25 which involve the doing of labor or the furnishing of materials shall be entered into by the
26 board of education without taking a performance bond if such contract exceeds \$10,000.00.

27 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section, upon recommendation of the
28 superintendent of education, contracts for the purchase of labor and materials which exceed
29 \$10,000.00 shall be approved by the board of education pursuant to invitations to bid which
30 shall be publicly advertised by the school district.

31 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section, the purchase of professional
32 services exceeding \$10,000.00 annually must be approved by the board of education upon
33 the recommendation of the superintendent. Professional services are defined as those
34 services to be rendered to the school district by an individual, firm, partnership,
35 corporation, or other entity licensed by the State of Georgia to provide such professional
36 services. Invitations for proposals for the purchase of professional services shall be
37 publicly advertised.

38 (e) The board of education is authorized from time to time, by majority vote, to increase
39 or decrease the maximum expenditure amounts provided for in subsections (a) through (d)
40 of this Section, provided that no such maximum expenditure amount shall exceed
41 \$100,000.00."

42 **SECTION 2.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.