

(iv) Constructing fire and rescue service buildings; and

(v) Making capital improvements to fire and rescue service facilities] FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved April 11, 2006.

CHAPTER 95

(House Bill 569)

AN ACT concerning

Education - County Boards of Education - Competitive Bidding

FOR the purpose of increasing the threshold dollar amount of a contract for which a county board of education must use competitive bidding; providing that a certain threshold amount shall be the same as a certain amount that applies to units of State government under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to public school procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 5-112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

5-112.

(a) This section does not apply to:

(1) Contracts for the purchase of books and other materials of instruction as defined in the State Department of Education Financial Reporting Manual;

(2) Emergency repairs; and

(3) A county board's participation in contracts for goods or commodities that are awarded by other public agencies or by intergovernmental purchasing organizations if the lead agency for the contract follows public bidding procedures.

(b) (1) **[If]** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies, or equipment is more than