

[(5)](6) The presence of contradictory information in the consumer's file does not in and of itself constitute reasonable grounds for believing the dispute is frivolous or irrelevant.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 11, 1993.

CHAPTER 391

(House Bill 1534)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Procurement - Competitive Bidding

FOR the purpose of altering the contract value amount threshold for which competitive bidding will be required in certain procurement contracts awarded by certain local boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 5-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Education

5-110.

(a) This section does not apply to:

- (1) Baltimore City;
- (2) Contracts for the purchase of books and other materials of instruction as defined in the State Department of Education Financial Reporting Manual; and
- (3) Emergency repairs required during the regular school year.

(b) (1) If the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies, or equipment is more than [\$7,500] \$15,000, the county board, at least 2 weeks before bids are to be filed, shall advertise for bids in at least one newspaper published in the county.

(2) The county board may name in the specifications and advertisements for bids the particular make, kind, or brand of article to be contracted for or purchased.