

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 545

(House Bill 1226)

AN ACT concerning

Elementary and Secondary Education - Procurement - Competition

FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to draft certain specifications to obtain maximum competition in certain public school procurement contracts; ~~and prohibiting specifications favoring a single prospective bidder or offeror, with the exception of specification of brand name products for heating and cooling products or electrical systems requiring that brand name specifications allow substitution of equivalent products except in certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to competition for certain public school procurement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 5-112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 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; and

(2) Emergency repairs.

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

(2) ~~THE COUNTY BOARD:~~