

House Bill 625

By: Representatives Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Quick of the 117<sup>th</sup>, and Williams of the 119<sup>th</sup>

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 purchase  
5 supplies, hire labor, and make repairs to facilities and to solicit and receive proposals for the  
6 purchase of professional services; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to  
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

15 **"SECTION 11.**

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

22 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section, no contracts for the construction,  
23 alteration, renovation, modification, or repair of buildings or the installation of equipment  
24 which involve the doing of labor or the furnishing of materials shall be entered into by the  
25 board of education without taking a performance bond if such contract exceeds \$10,000.00.

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

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

36 (e) The board is authorized from time to time to establish the maximum expenditures  
37 provided for in subsections (a) through (d) of this Section at an amount higher than  
38 \$10,000.00, or to reduce the same back to the level of \$10,000.00, within the board's sole  
39 discretion."

40 **SECTION 2.**

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