

House Bill 733 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gladney of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd, and Howard of the 129th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act regulating public instruction for the County of Richmond, approved
2 August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4077), so as to revise provisions relating to letting contracts
4 and opening bids; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act regulating public instruction for the County of Richmond, approved August 23, 1872
8 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L.
9 2000, p. 4077), is amended by revising subsection (g) of Section 7 as follows:

10 "(g)(1) The construction of new school buildings in all cases and additions or repairs to
11 old or existing buildings and the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment where the
12 cost of such additions, repairs, supplies, materials, or equipment is in excess of
13 \$50,000.00 shall not be undertaken except by advertising for bids three successive days
14 in a daily newspaper and in such other publications published in Richmond County as
15 deemed appropriate by the board of education. Such advertisement shall state the time
16 and place at which the secretary of the board of education will receive sealed proposals

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17 for the work or commodity in question. The bids shall be opened and read in public at
18 the next meeting of the board of education and the contract awarded to the lowest
19 responsible bidder or all bids shall be rejected and readvertisement ordered. The name
20 of each bidder with the amount of each bid shall be kept on file for one year in the office
21 of the secretary of the board of education and shall be open to public inspection during
22 regular business hours. No member of the board of education shall participate in the
23 action of the board of education in awarding a contract in which he or she is interested
24 personally or as a member of a firm or majority stockholder or officer of a corporation.

25 (2) In addition to the procedures for the opening and reading bids required by
26 paragraph (1) of this subsection, for purchases in excess of \$50,000.00, the controller or
27 his or her designee may, as an alternate bid procedure, open and read such bids in public
28 at the board of education office on dates prior to any regular or special called board
29 meeting so long as all affected bidders and vendors are notified of the time and place of
30 the bid opening and at least one other person, as selected by the controller or his or her
31 designee, is present at said bid opening. When such alternate bid procedure is
32 implemented, the bids so opened shall be computed and presented to the board of
33 education at its next regular or any special called board meeting and at such meeting the
34 contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications or all
35 bids shall be rejected and readvertisement reordered. Such alternate bid procedure shall
36 not change any requirements for advertisement, public inspection, or any other portion
37 of the laws relating to the Board of Education of Richmond County and its procedure in
38 letting contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 other than the allowance of such alternate
39 method of opening and reading bids. The board of education may set such conditions,
40 terms, and requirements as it deems necessary where the amount of such addition, repair,
41 or purchase costs are \$50,000.00 or less."

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SECTION 2.

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