House Bill 733

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

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