GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 2000-85 SENATE BILL 1302

AN ACT TO ASSIST CABARRUS COUNTY WITH THE EXPEDITING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Whereas, Cabarrus County is faced with the critical need for school facilities created by an unusual growth in student population; and

Whereas, the Cabarrus County Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners of Cabarrus County have jointly approved and funded a School Facilities 2000 building program; and

Whereas, the Cabarrus County Board of Education, faced with the critical need for school facilities, has implemented a model facilities plan using a repetitive design approach to design school facilities that are educationally effective and economically efficient; and

Whereas, the Cabarrus County Board of Education desires to explore alternative approaches to expedite the construction of school facilities that could assist in meeting the critical need for school facilities; and

Whereas, the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment to enhance public education and to encourage innovation by public officials in meeting the critical need for school facilities; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Cabarrus County and the Cabarrus County Board of Education may jointly select and negotiate with separate-prime contractors to build school buildings using the repetitive design approach if the Board of Commissioners of Cabarrus County and the Cabarrus County Board of Education jointly determine that using the selection and negotiations processes instead of competitive bidding will expedite the project, create an effective construction team, and control costs, quality, and schedule.

Section 2. This act shall apply to construction of up to five schools.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June 30,

2005.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of July,

2000.

s/ Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives