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Short Title: Purchase Contracts/Increase UNC Benchmark. (Public)

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Referred to: Education Subcommittee on Universities.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXPENDITURE BENCHMARK FOR A SPECIAL
3 RESPONSIBILITY CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION FOR CERTAIN
4 PURCHASING CONTRACTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-31.10 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 116-31.10. Powers of Board regarding certain purchasing contracts.**

8 Notwithstanding G.S. 143-53.1 or G.S. 143-53(a)(2), the expenditure benchmark for
9 a special responsibility constituent institution with regard to competitive bid procedures
10 and the bid value benchmark shall be an amount not greater than ~~two hundred fifty~~
11 ~~thousand dollars (\$250,000)~~, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). The Board shall
12 set the benchmark for each institution from time to time. In setting an institution's
13 benchmark in accordance with this section, the Board shall consider the institution's
14 overall capabilities including staff resources, purchasing compliance reviews, and audit
15 reports. The Board shall also consult with the Director of the Division of Purchase and
16 Contract and the Director of the Budget prior to setting the benchmark. For any
17 purchase over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), an institution shall submit
18 a copy of all offers received and their recommendation of award or other action to the
19 Division of Purchase and Contract for approval or other action deemed necessary by the
20 Division of Purchase and Contract. Notice of the Division of Purchase and Contract's
21 decision shall be sent to the institution. The institution shall then proceed with the
22 award of contract or other action recommended by the Division of Purchase and
23 Contract."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.