



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 415

SENATE BILL NO. 897

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1379

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212 and Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to local education agency bid thresholds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any charter provision, private act, or other law to the contrary, any county, municipality, utility district, LEA in accordance with § 49-2-203(a), or other local governmental entity having centralized purchasing authority with a full-time purchasing agent is authorized, by resolution or ordinance of its governing body, to increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases. At least three (3) written quotations shall be required whenever possible for purchases costing less than the bid threshold established for public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals but more than forty percent (40%) of such bid threshold or some lower amount as may be established by the governing body in the resolution. Purchases of like items shall be aggregated for purposes of the bid threshold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: May 8, 2017


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2017


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR