

March 31, 2003

**H 802. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY.** Amends GS 115C-522 to give local boards of education the authority to purchase supplies, equipment, and materials in accordance with Art. 8 of GS Ch. 143, Public Contracts, rather than requiring their purchasing contracts to be made by or approved by Dep't of Administration. Allows local unit to make purchases from contracts made by Dep't of Administration. Makes conforming changes to GS Ch. 115C and 143. Effective May 1, 2003.

**Intro. by Glazier, Miner, Saunders, Warner.**

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April 28, 2003

**H 802. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS.** Intro. 3/31/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 115C-522(a) to require that State Board of Education adopt standards for equipment and supplies related to student transportation. Amends GS 143-48(b) to add "local school administrative unit" to those entities that must report their use of minority, female, and disability-owned businesses and nonprofit work centers for contracts of \$500,000 and over. Adds new sections 8.(a) through 8.(f) establishing deadlines for local school administrative units' use of the NC E-Procurement Service and requiring that Cabarrus, Edgecombe, Guilford, and Sampson County become compliant by Oct. 1, 2003; that Charlotte/Mecklenberg and Wake County become compliant by July 1, 2004; and that the remaining school districts become compliant by Jan. 1, 2005. Further requires that school districts gradually increase the percentage of NC E-Procurement Purchases from 30% of purchases upon becoming compliant to 70% of purchases during second fiscal year following certification. Effective when unit is certified as being E-procurement compliant by Office of Information and Technology Services or April 1, 2004, whichever comes first (was, May 1, 2003). Makes conforming amendments.