

March 31, 2003

S 620. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS (=H 802). *TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY.* Identical to H 802, introduced 3/31/03.

Intro. by Dalton.

Ref. to Commerce

GS 115C, 143

April 21, 2003

S 620. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. Intro. 3/31/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) Requires the Office of Technology Services (OTS, in consultation with the Dept. of Public Instruction (DPI) and the NC E-Procurement Service, to establish certification standards to be met by local school administrative units (LSAUs) demonstrating that the unit's current software purchasing system is "adequately interfaced" with the E-Procurement Service system and the unit's employees are adequately trained in the use of the service. (2) Directs OTS to notify the Dept. of Administration of the units certified within three days of the certification. Establishes pilot projects with four LSAUs (Edgecombe, Cabarrus, Guilford, and Sampson counties). Directs that the four pilot units must be certified E-procurement compliant by Oct. 1, 2003. Requires Wake and Mecklenburg counties to be so certified by July 1, 2004, and the other 111 remaining LSAUs to be certified by Jan. 1, 2005. (3) Requires a local school unit certified as E-procurement compliant to expend at least 30% of its remaining unencumbered funds to purchase supplies, equipment, materials, software, and other tangible personal property during the fiscal year in which it is certified. Directs an increasing percentage of purchases to be made through NC E-Procurement Service, up to 40% during the second fiscal year following certification. Changes effective date for portions of bill included in 1st edition from May 1, 2003, to date school is certified or April 1, 2004, whichever occurs first.

April 23, 2003

S 620. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. Intro. 3/31/03. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 115C-522(a) to require State Board of Education to adopt rules concerning equipment standards for supplies, equipment, and materials related to student transportation. Includes school administrative units within GS 143-48(b) (required reporting to Department of Administration on contract purchases of goods and services). Provides that nothing in act to be construed to limit authority of Dep't of Administration to develop, implement, and monitor pilot program for reverse auctions for public school systems.

May 21, 2003

S 620. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. Intro. 3/31/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Adds new GS 115C-522(a)(1) authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt guidelines for commodities that need safety features and to authorize local school administrative units (LEAs) to use the E-Quote and Interactive Purchasing System. Adds new GS 115C-522(a)(2) requiring that the Sec'y of the Dep't of Administration establish an LEA purchasing user group to consider use of E-Procurement, appropriate bid procedures, and any necessary technical assistance. Amends Sec. 9.(a) to require that the Board (was, Office of Information Technology Services) establish standards for LEA compliance with E-Procurement procedures and that Dep't of Public Instruction (was, ITS) determine when LEA is E-Procurement compliant. Amends Sec. 9.(c) to require that DPI report to Jt. Legis. Comm'n on Governmental Operations and Board by Nov. 1, 2003, on progress of pilot programs required by act and to authorize the Board to change target dates established by act for E-Procurement compliance.

May 22, 2003

S 620. PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. Intro. 3/31/03. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Repeals GS 115C-249(g), which requires local boards of education to purchase school buses or service vehicles through the Dep't of Administration.

June 9, 2003

SL 2003-147 (S 620). PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS. AN ACT TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE NC E-PROCUREMENT SERVICE. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/31/03, 4/21/03, 4/23/03, 5/21/03, and 5/22/03. Enacted June 4, 2003. Sections 1 through 8 of this act become effective for a local school administrative unit when the unit is certified by the Department of Public Instruction as being E-Procurement compliant, as provided in Section 9 of this act, or April 1, 2004, whichever occurs first. The remainder of this act is effective June 4, 2003.