

## No. 184

## AN ACT

## HB 1186

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing the amount of work of any nature which can be performed on property owned by any school district without advertising and without competitive bids, and the work which may be performed by the maintenance personnel of such school districts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 751, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," subsection (a) amended December 30, 1959 (P.L.2061) and subsection (b) amended September 27, 1955 (P.L.651), is amended to read:

Section 751. Work to be Done Under Contract Let on Bids; Exception.—(a) All construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work of any nature, including the introduction of plumbing, heating and ventilating, or lighting systems, upon any school building or upon any school property, made by any school district, where the entire cost, value, or amount of such construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work, including labor and material, shall exceed [**one thousand dollars (\$1000)**] *one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500)*, shall be done under separate contracts to be entered into by such school district with the lowest responsible bidder, upon proper terms, after due public notice has been given asking for competitive bids. Whenever a board of school directors shall approve the use of a prefabricated unit, complete in itself, for a school building or other proper structure to be erected upon school property, the board of school directors may have prepared appropriate specifications detailing the size and material desired in a particular prefabricated unit, including all utilities such as plumbing, heating and ventilating, and electrical work, and may advertise for a single bid on all the work and award the contract therefor to the lowest responsible bidder: Provided, That if due to an emergency a school plant or any part thereof becomes unusable competitive bids for repairs or replacement may be solicited from at least three responsible bidders, and upon the approval of any of these bids by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the board of school directors may proceed at once to make the necessary repairs or replacements in accordance with the terms of said approved bid or bids.

(b) The board of school directors in any school district either may perform any construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work of any nature, where the entire cost or value, including labor and material, is less than [**two thousand dollars (\$2000)**] *five thousand dollars (\$5000)*, by its own

maintenance personnel, or may have any such construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work performed by contract after soliciting bids from at least three responsible bidders: Provided, That the board of school directors in any school district may authorize the secretary of the board or other executive to award contracts for construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work of any nature, where the entire cost or value, including labor and material, is [**five hundred dollars (\$500)**] *one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500)* or less, without soliciting competitive bids.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of July, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 184.



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Secretary of the Commonwealth.