

By the Committee on Governmental Operations and Representative Lacasa

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to educational facilities;
3 amending s. 235.31, F.S.; requiring boards to
4 prequalify bidders for construction contracts
5 according to Commissioner of Education rule;
6 requiring certification or licensure of bidders
7 or contractors; amending s. 489.125, F.S.;
8 conforming language relating to construction
9 contractors; repealing s. 489.527, F.S.,
10 relating to electrical and alarm system
11 contractors, to conform; repealing s.
12 633.551(5), F.S., relating to fire protection
13 system contractors, to conform; providing an
14 effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 235.31, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 235.31 Advertising and awarding contracts;
21 prequalification of contractor.--

22 (2) Boards shall prequalify bidders for construction
23 contracts according to ~~may elect to come under the~~ rules
24 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education which require for
25 the prequalification of bidders of educational facilities
26 construction. Boards shall require that all construction or
27 capital improvement bids be accompanied by evidence that the
28 bidder holds an appropriate certificate or license or that the
29 prime contractor has a current valid license.

30 Section 2. Section 489.125, Florida Statutes, is
31 amended to read:

1 489.125 Prequalification of certificateholders
2 ~~eligible to participate in projects under s. 235.31.--Any~~
3 person holding a certificate shall be prequalified is
4 qualified to bid by participate in any project under s.
5 ~~235.31, unless a district school board elects to prequalify~~
6 ~~contractors~~ pursuant to uniform prequalification of
7 contractors criteria adopted by rule of the Commissioner State
8 Board of Education. This section does not supersede any small,
9 woman-owned or minority-owned business enterprise preference
10 program adopted by a district school board. A district school
11 board may not modify or supplement the uniform
12 prequalification criteria adopted by rule. ~~If a district~~
13 ~~school board elects to prequalify contractors,~~A person
14 holding a certificate must apply to each ~~that~~ board for
15 prequalification consideration.

16 Section 3. Section 489.527 and subsection (5) of
17 section 633.551, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

18 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
19 year in which enacted.

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