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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 section
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, as amended by chapter 97-190, Laws of Florida, is
20 amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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19 section 633.551, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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

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