



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 683

LCO No. 3063

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) All orders and contracts for school building construction
5 receiving state assistance under this chapter, including orders and
6 contracts for architectural or construction management services, shall
7 be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder only after a
8 public invitation to bid, which shall be advertised in a newspaper
9 having circulation in the town in which construction is to take place,
10 except for (1) school building projects for which the town or regional
11 school district is using a state contract pursuant to subsection (d) of
12 section 10-292, [and] (2) change orders, those contracts or orders
13 costing less than ten thousand dollars and those of an emergency
14 nature, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, in which
15 cases the contractor or vendor may be selected by negotiation,
16 provided no local fiscal regulations, ordinances or charter provisions

17 conflict, and (3) orders and contracts for architectural or construction
18 management services for which the awarding authority uses a
19 qualification-based selection process that is equivalent to the
20 procedure used by the Department of Public Works for the award of
21 contracts for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling
22 repair or demolition of any state building, as described in chapter 60.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-287(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To avoid unintended and potentially detrimental consequences of awarding certain municipal construction contracts on only a lowest responsible bidder basis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]