

CHAPTER 456

H.B. No. 1303

An Act relating to the purchase of computers and computer-related equipment by school districts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 21.901, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (e) or (f) of this section, all contracts proposed to be made by any Texas public school board for the purchase of any personal property shall be submitted to competitive bidding when said property is valued at \$5,000 or more.

(f) *The board of trustees of a school district may purchase for the district computers and computer-related equipment, including computer software, without submitting the purchase contract to competitive bidding if the computer or equipment is on a list of approved equipment prepared by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission following competitive bids, and if the bid reference number supplied by the commission accompanies all documentation of the purchase. Based on recommendations made by the Central Education Agency, the commission shall include on the list of approved equipment computers suitable for use in public schools.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 16, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 11, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985