

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 230**  
**Committee Substitute Favorable 4/7/03**

Short Title: Richmond County Schools Bid.

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March 5, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ASSIST RICHMOND COUNTY WITH EXPEDITING THE  
2 CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

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4 Whereas, Richmond County is faced with the critical need for school  
5 facilities created by the deteriorating condition of Rockingham Junior High School; and

6 Whereas, the Richmond County Board of Education has adopted a plan to use  
7 a repetitive design approach for the proposed Airport Elementary School that is  
8 educationally effective and economically efficient; and

9 Whereas, the Richmond County Board of Education desires to explore  
10 alternative approaches to expedite the construction of school facilities that could assist  
11 in meeting the critical need for school facilities; and

12 Whereas, the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment to enhance public  
13 education and to encourage innovation by public officials in meeting the critical need  
14 for school facilities; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of  
17 the General Statutes, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners and the Richmond  
18 County Board of Education may select and negotiate with single-prime or  
19 separate-prime contractors to build school buildings using the repetitive design  
20 approach if the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education determine that  
21 using the selection and negotiations processes instead of competitive bidding will  
22 expedite the project, create an effective construction team, and control costs, quality,  
23 and schedule.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall apply to the addition, repair, and renovation of  
25 Rockingham Junior High School and the construction of Airport Elementary School.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June  
27 30, 2006.