December 18, 1968

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 18A:18-9 (School bids - Classification of bidders by state board; requisite to bidding)

Similar bill introduced in previous year:

1965 - A319

Introduced February 1 by Bateman, Hauser, McDonough LaCore & Collins.

Referred to Committee on Education. Statement on bill (copy enclosed).

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L. 1968, Chapter 188 - S356 Introduced January 29 by Hiering. No statement. Not amended during passage.

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### ASSEMBLY, No. 319

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 1, 1965

# By Assemblymen BATEMAN, HAUSER, McDONOUGH, LA CORTE and COLLINS

### Referred to Committee on Education

- A Supplement to "An act concerning education, requiring boards of education to require the classification of bidders, and supplementing Title 18 of the Revised Statutes," approved July 6, 1962 (P. L. 1962, c. 105), as said Title was amended by chapter 81 of the laws of 1963.
- BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New 2 Jersey:
- 1 1. The act to which this act is a supplement shall not apply where the
- 2 entire cost of the proposed public work, as estimated by the board of educa-
- 3 tion and so stated in its invitation to bid, shall amount to less than \$10,000.00,
- 4 except when the board in its discretion shall require prequalification under
- 5 the act.
- 1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### STATEMENT

The present law (chapter 105 of the laws of 1962) requires prequalification of all contractors for public school work, regardless of how small the job may be. The result has been to eliminate from the bidding many small contractors who would be capable of doing repair or renovation work for the board.

The purpose of this bill is to exempt generally from the prequalification requirements all contracts amounting to less than \$10,000.00, since such contracts

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are essentially for repairs or renovations rather than for new construction, and are ordinarily not of sufficient importance to warrant the prequalification procedure. The bill would still allow the board in its discretion to require prequalification in any case, regardless of the amount involved.