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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 19, 2019
Subject: Senate Bill 148

Senate Bill 148 would impose new requirements upon the competitive bidding process of school districts. Such requirements would only apply to the bidding of facility construction, reconstruction, remodeling or repair, or for materials, goods or wares that are required as part of such construction, reconstruction, remodeling or repair.

The bill would prohibit school districts from specifying proprietary products or proprietary installation methods in such bids. The bill would also prohibit school districts from requiring that a product be pre-approved as an equivalent alternative to a proprietary product or proprietary installation method.

Subject to the above limitations, if a school district does specify a particular product or installation method, SB 148 would require the district to obtain at least three bids on such specified product or installation method or on products or installation methods recognized as substantially similar by the respective industry.