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Introduced by Sens. RANZENHOFER, DeFRANCISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to authorize the construction of new school facilities utilizing facility alternatives for schools; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2013  
2     facility alternatives for schools act".  
3     S 2. For the purposes of this act the terms:  
4     1. "School district" shall mean any union free school district,  
5     central school district, central high school district or city school  
6     district.  
7     2. "Person" shall mean a municipality or other governmental body,  
8     public corporation or authority, private corporation, partnership or  
9     individual.  
10    S 3. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general,  
11    special or local, relating to the length, duration and terms of  
12    contracts a school district may enter into, any school district is here-  
13    by authorized and empowered to enter into contracts, leases or rental  
14    agreements with any person, upon such terms and conditions for such  
15    consideration and for such terms or duration, not to exceed thirty  
16    years, as may be agreed upon by the school district, and such person,  
17    whereby such person is granted the right to construct, reconstruct,  
18    finance or own a school building facility designed with a student capac-  
19    ity not to exceed three thousand.  
20    (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local  
21    law, a contract entered into between a school district and any person  
22    pursuant to this act may be awarded pursuant to public bidding in

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 compliance with section 103 of the general municipal law or pursuant to  
2 the following provisions for the award of a contract based on evaluation  
3 of proposals submitted in response to a request for proposals prepared  
4 by or for a school district. The school district shall require that each  
5 proposal to be submitted shall include information relating to the expe-  
6 rience of the proposer, the ability of the proposer to secure adequate  
7 financing, identification and specification of all elements of cost  
8 which would become a charge to the school district, in whatever form, in  
9 return for the fulfillment by the proposer of all tasks and responsibil-  
10 ities established by the request for the proposal for the full lifetime  
11 of a proposed contract, including, as appropriate, but not limited to  
12 the cost of planning, design, construction, reconstruction, financing,  
13 ownership and/or maintenance of such school building facility and such  
14 other information as the school district may determine to have a materi-  
15 al bearing on its ability to evaluate any proposal for such school  
16 building facility.

17 Prior to the issuance of a request for proposals pursuant to this act,  
18 the school district shall publish notice of such issuance in the offi-  
19 cial newspaper of the school district, if any, and in at least one news-  
20 paper of general circulation. Concurrent with the publication of such  
21 notice of a draft request for proposals shall be filed with the clerk of  
22 the school district or the chief executive officer of such school  
23 district. After allowing a thirty day comment period and an additional  
24 thirty days to review such comments, the school district may publish the  
25 final request for proposals and concurrent with such publication shall  
26 publish notice of such issuance in the manner specified in this para-  
27 graph. Concurrent with the publication of the final request for  
28 proposals a set of comments filed in relation to the draft request for  
29 proposals and findings related to the substantive elements of such  
30 comments shall be filed along with the request for proposals with the  
31 clerk or chief executive officer of such school district and in the  
32 public library or libraries in proximity to the proposed school building  
33 facility site.

34 Proposals received in response to such request for proposals shall be  
35 evaluated by the school district as to net cost and in a manner consist-  
36 ent with provisions set forth in the request for proposals, may be eval-  
37 uated on the basis of additional factors, including, but not limited to,  
38 facility design incorporating systems and approaches which provide maxi-  
39 mum facility value at the lowest possible cost using the best current  
40 development life cycle costs, construction, reconstruction, leasing and  
41 financing techniques available.

42 The school district may make a contract award to any responsible  
43 proposer selected based on a determination by the school district that  
44 the selected proposal is most responsive to the request for proposals  
45 and may negotiate with any proposer; provided, however, that if an award  
46 is made to any proposer whose total proposal does not provide either the  
47 lowest net cost, the school district shall adopt a resolution after  
48 public hearing which includes particularized findings relevant to  
49 factors evaluated indicating that the school district's requirements are  
50 met by such award and that such action is in the public interest. Such  
51 contract may be a single guaranteed maximum price general contract or  
52 utilize a full construction management contract approach.

53 (c) All requests for proposals by the school district pursuant to this  
54 act shall be subject to review and approval by the commissioner of  
55 education prior to the issuance of such request for proposal by the  
56 school district.

1 (d) Whenever the school district enters into a contract for the  
2 construction of a school building facility pursuant to this act, the  
3 provisions of section 220 of the labor law shall be applicable to such  
4 construction work.

5 (e) Every contract entered into by the school district for  
6 construction of a school building facility shall contain provisions that  
7 the design and construction standards of such facility shall be subject  
8 to the review and approval of the school district, that the project  
9 developer shall furnish a bond guaranteeing prompt payment of moneys  
10 that are due to all persons furnishing labor and materials pursuant to  
11 the requirements of any construction contracts, and a security bond for  
12 the faithful performance of the school district project which shall  
13 conform to the provisions of section 103-f of the general municipal law  
14 and that a copy of such performance and payment bonds shall be kept by  
15 the school district and shall be open to public inspection.

16 S 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3602 of the education  
17 law or any other provision of law, the school district shall be entitled  
18 to an apportionment for capital outlays and debt service for a school  
19 building facility constructed pursuant to the provisions of this act in  
20 the same manner as such school district would otherwise be entitled  
21 pursuant to law for the construction of a new school building facility.

22 S 5. Contracts to be issued by the school district for the design,  
23 construction, reconstruction, lease, financing or ownership of a school  
24 building facility pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be  
25 subject to the provisions of section 109-b of the general municipal law,  
26 except for paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 and subdivision 5 of such  
27 section and except to the extent section 109-b of the general municipal  
28 law is inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

29 S 6. Contracts issued by the school district for the design,  
30 construction, reconstruction, lease, financing or ownership of a school  
31 building facility pursuant to the provisions of this act may be funded  
32 by certificates of participation.

33 S 7. All contracts awarded or entered into by the school district for  
34 the construction, reconstruction, alteration, lease or lease-purchase of  
35 a school building facility pursuant to this act shall not be subject to  
36 section 101 of the general municipal law.

37 S 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school building  
38 facility constructed pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be  
39 exempt from real property taxation when such facility is leased by the  
40 school district and actually used for school purposes by such school  
41 district.

42 S 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt a school  
43 construction or reconstruction project undertaken pursuant to this act  
44 from the review and approval procedures applied to such projects by the  
45 education department when undertaken pursuant to the education law.

46 S 10. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
47 deemed repealed 5 years after such effective date.