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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to transferring control of the Yonkers educational construction fund board to the mayor of the city of Yonkers; in relation to the requirements for public bidding in conjunction with and the rate of building aid for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of educational facilities in the city of Yonkers; and in relation to broadening the scope of educational facilities for such construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 477 of the education law, as added
2 by chapter 931 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:
3 1. There is hereby created the "city of Yonkers educational
4 construction fund." The fund shall be a corporate governmental agency
5 constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall be administered by a
6 board of trustees consisting of the [chairman] MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
7 YONKERS, THE CHAIRPERSON of the board of education of the city of Yonk-
8 ers, [four members of such board appointed by the president thereof and
9 four members appointed by the mayor of the city of Yonkers. The chairman
10 of the board of education shall be the chairman of the fund. The chair-
11 man] THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THE CITY COUNCIL MAJORITY LEADER, THE
12 CITY COUNCIL MINORITY LEADER, AND FOUR TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR
13 OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
14 EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF YONKERS. THE MAYOR, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
15 BOARD OF EDUCATION, and the trustees who are members of the [board of
16 education] CITY COUNCIL shall serve during their terms of office [as
17 chairman and members, respectively, of the board of education. The
18 members first appointed by the mayor shall serve for terms ending two,
19 three, four and five years, respectively, from the date of their

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

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1 appointment. Their successors shall serve for terms of five years each]
2 AND THE TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF
3 THE MAYOR. THE FUND SHALL ELECT ITS OWN CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS
4 MEMBERS.

5 S 2. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 2-a of section 482 of the education law,
6 subdivision 1 as added by chapter 931 of the laws of 1971, subdivisions
7 2 as amended and 2-a as added by section 6 of part MM of chapter 57 of
8 the laws of 2008, are amended to read as follows:

9 1. [Any contract let by the fund or by any letting agency on behalf of
10 the fund for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or
11 improvement of a combined occupancy structure or of the school portion
12 thereof, shall be in conformity with the provisions of section one
13 hundred one of the general municipal law.

14 2. Except as otherwise provided in section two hundred twenty-two of
15 the labor law, every contract, lease or other agreement entered into by
16 or on behalf of the fund for the acquisition, lease, construction,
17 reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of any combined occupancy
18 structure shall contain a provision that, when the entire cost of any
19 such contemplated construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or
20 improvement shall exceed three million dollars in the counties of the
21 Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond; one million five hundred
22 thousand dollars in the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester; and
23 five hundred thousand dollars in all other counties within the state,
24 separate specifications shall be prepared for the following three subdivi-
25 sions of the work to be performed:

26 a. Plumbing and gas fitting;

27 b. Steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning
28 apparatus; and

29 c. Electric wiring and standard illuminating fixtures.

30 Such specifications shall be drawn so as to permit the letting of
31 separate and independent contracts for each of the above three subdivi-
32 sions of work. Except as otherwise provided by the public housing law,
33 the provisions of which shall apply when the developer is the Yonkers
34 city housing authority, every developer or general contractor undertak-
35 ing the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of
36 any such combined occupancy structure pursuant to or in furtherance of
37 the provisions of this article shall let separate contracts to the
38 lowest responsible bidder for the three subdivisions of the above speci-
39 fied work to persons, firms or corporations approved by the chairman of
40 the fund as being qualified, responsible and reliable bidders engaged in
41 these classes of work. All such qualified bidders engaged in the above
42 specified work shall be entitled to bid and to receive, upon request, a
43 copy of the plans and specifications. All such bids shall be submitted
44 to the fund and shall be opened publicly at a stated time and place.

45 2-a. Each bidder on a public work contract, where the preparation of
46 separate specifications is not required, shall submit with its bid a
47 separate sealed list that names each subcontractor that the bidder will
48 use to perform work on the contract, and the agreed-upon amount to be
49 paid to each, for: a. plumbing and gas fitting, b. steam heating, hot
50 water heating, ventilating and air conditioning apparatus and c. elec-
51 tric wiring and standard illuminating fixtures. After the low bid is
52 announced, the sealed list of subcontractors submitted with such low bid
53 shall be opened and the names of such subcontractors shall be announced,
54 and thereafter any change of subcontractor or agreed-upon amount to be
55 paid to each shall require the approval of the public owner, upon a
56 showing presented to the public owner of legitimate construction need

1 for such change, which shall be open to public inspection. Legitimate
2 construction need shall include, but not be limited to, a change in
3 project specifications, a change in construction material costs, a
4 change to subcontractor status as determined pursuant to paragraph (e)
5 of subdivision two of section two hundred twenty-two of the labor law,
6 or the subcontractor has become otherwise unwilling, unable or unavail-
7 able to perform the subcontract. The sealed lists of subcontractors
8 submitted by all other bidders shall be returned to them unopened after
9 the contract award.] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY GENERAL,
10 SPECIAL, OR LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE
11 FUND OR BY ANY LETTING AGENCY ON BEHALF OF THE FUND FOR THE
12 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION OR IMPROVEMENT PURSUANT TO
13 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL BE AWARDED
14 PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BIDDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION ONE HUNDRED THREE
15 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OR, IN ORDER TO FOSTER MAJOR INVESTMENT IN
16 COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURES AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND TO DELIVER QUALI-
17 TY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY AND THE CITY
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE, ON THE BASIS OF FACTORS OTHER
19 THAN COST ALONE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ADHERENCE TO FACILITY
20 DESIGN, QUALITY AND DURABILITY OR MATERIALS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, INCORPO-
21 RATING SYSTEMS AND APPROACHES WHICH PROVIDE MAXIMUM FACILITY VALUE USING
22 THE BEST CURRENT DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, LEASING, AND FINANCING TECH-
23 Niques AVAILABLE, AND MAXIMIZATION OF STATE BUILDING AID, AND SUCH A
24 CONTRACT MAY BE ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS FOR
25 THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT BASED ON EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN
26 RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PREPARED BY OR FOR THE FUND:

27 A. THE FUND SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH SUCH PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED
28 SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE IDENTITY AND EXPERIENCE OF THE
29 PROPOSER, ITS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ITS HEATING AND PLUMBING CONTRACTOR,
30 ITS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, ITS DESIGN FIRM, IF ANY, AND THE ABILITY OF
31 THE PROPOSER TO SECURE ADEQUATE FINANCING, INCLUDING THE IDENTIFICATION
32 OF THE FIRM, IF ANY, THAT WILL BE USED FOR FINANCING THE PROJECT AND
33 SPECIFICATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF COST WHICH WOULD BECOME A CHARGE TO THE
34 CITY OR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOTH, IN WHATEVER FORM, IN RETURN
35 FOR THE FULFILLMENT BY THE PROPOSER OF ALL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
36 ESTABLISHED BY THE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSAL FOR THE FULL LIFETIME OF A
37 PROPOSED CONTRACT, INCLUDING, AS APPROPRIATE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
38 COST OF PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FINANCING, AND OWNERSHIP OF SUCH
39 COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURE OR SCHOOL BUILDING AND SUCH OTHER INFORMA-
40 TION AS THE FUND MAY DETERMINE TO HAVE A MATERIAL BEARING ON ITS ABILITY
41 TO EVALUATE ANY PROPOSAL FOR SUCH COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURE OR SCHOOL
42 BUILDING, INCLUDING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE FACILITY OR OF THE SITE
43 BY GOVERNMENT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE
44 STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC AND INCLUDING AN AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSER, IF
45 AWARDED THE CONTRACT, WILL NOT CHANGE THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, THE PLUMB-
46 ING AND HEATING CONTRACTOR, THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, THE DESIGN FIRM,
47 OR THE FINANCIAL FIRM IDENTIFIED IN ITS PROPOSAL WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE
48 OF THE FUND.

49 B. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO THIS
50 SECTION, THE FUND SHALL PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SUCH ISSUANCE IN THE OFFI-
51 CIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY, IF ANY, AND IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF
52 GENERAL CIRCULATION. CONCURRENT WITH THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NOTICE, A
53 DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE FUND. AFTER ALLOWING
54 A THIRTY DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND AN ADDITIONAL TEN DAYS TO REVIEW SUCH
55 COMMENTS, THE FUND MAY PUBLISH THE FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND,
56 CONCURRENT WITH SUCH PUBLICATION, SHALL PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SUCH ISSU-

ANCE IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN THIS PARAGRAPH. CONCURRENT WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, A SET OF COMMENTS FILED IN RELATION TO THE DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND FINDINGS RELATED TO THE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF SUCH COMMENTS SHALL BE FILED ALONG WITH THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITH THE FUND AND IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OR LIBRARIES IN PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURE OR SCHOOL BUILDING SITE.

C. PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO SUCH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE EVALUATED BY THE FUND, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MAXIMIZATION OF STATE BUILDING AID, AS TO NET COST AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, MAY BE EVALUATED ON THE BASIS OF ADDITIONAL FACTORS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FACILITY DESIGN INCORPORATING SYSTEMS AND APPROACHES WHICH PROVIDE MAXIMUM FACILITY VALUE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST USING THE BEST CURRENT DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE COSTS, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, LEASING AND FINANCING TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE, AND USE OF THE COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURE OR SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE BY GOVERNMENT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

D. THE FUND MAY MAKE A CONTRACT AWARD TO ANY RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER SELECTED BASED ON A DETERMINATION BY THE FUND THAT THE SELECTED PROPOSAL IS MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND MAY NEGOTIATE WITH ANY PROPOSER; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF AN AWARD IS MADE TO ANY PROPOSER WHOSE TOTAL PROPOSAL DOES NOT PROVIDE THE LOWEST NET COST, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MAXIMIZATION OF STATE BUILDING AID, THE FUND SHALL ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFTER PUBLIC HEARING WHICH INCLUDES PARTICULARIZED FINDINGS RELEVANT TO FACTORS EVALUATED, INDICATING THAT THE FUND'S REQUIREMENTS ARE MET BY SUCH AWARD AND THAT SUCH ACTION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. SUCH CONTRACT MAY BE A SINGLE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE CONTRACT OR UTILIZE A FULL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT APPROACH OR OTHER APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING THE PROJECT.

S 3. Section 486 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, BUILDING AID FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT A RATE THAT IS NO LESS THAN THE AVERAGE BUILDING AID RATIO FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER SIX HUNDRED FIVE OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, AS AMENDED, AND CHAPTER FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SIX, AS AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE CITIES OF BUFFALO, ROCHESTER AND SYRACUSE.

S 4. The education law is amended by adding a new section 478-a to read as follows:

S 478-A. SCHOOL BUILDINGS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE POWERS OF THE FUND PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO COMBINED OCCUPANCY STRUCTURES SHALL EXTEND TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME TERMS AS PROVIDED BY THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE POWER TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, RECONSTRUCT, REHABILITATE AND IMPROVE ANY SCHOOL BUILDING NOW OR HEREAFTER IN EXISTENCE.

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.