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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 15, 1989

AN ACT

1 Requiring agencies of the Commonwealth, political subdivisions
2 and authorities to obtain price quotations on contracts that
3 are not subject to advertisement and competitive bidding.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Purchases for which price quotations must be
7 obtained.

8 In every case where an agency or instrumentality of the
9 Commonwealth, a political subdivision or an authority organized
10 under any law of this Commonwealth is required to award a
11 contract exceeding an amount fixed by law only after
12 advertisement and competitive bidding, it shall follow the
13 procedure established in section 2 for purchases that are less
14 than the amount requiring advertisement and competitive bidding.

15 Section 2. Procedure.

16 Written or telephonic price quotations from at least three
17 qualified and responsible vendors shall be obtained for all

1 purchases that are less than the amount requiring advertisement
2 and competitive bidding or, in lieu of price quotations, a
3 memorandum shall be kept on file showing that fewer than three
4 qualified vendors so qualified exist in the market area within
5 which it is practicable to obtain quotations. A written record
6 of telephonic price quotations shall be made and shall contain
7 at least the date of the quotation, the name of the vendor and
8 the vendor's representative, the item which was the subject of
9 the quotation and the price of the item. Written price
10 quotations, written records of telephonic price quotations and
11 memoranda shall be retained for a period of three years.

12 Section 3. Repeals.

13 All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are
14 inconsistent with this act.

15 Section 4. Applicability.

16 This act shall apply to an agency or instrumentality of the
17 Commonwealth, a political subdivision or an authority when the
18 statute that establishes the dollar amount of contracts
19 requiring advertisement and competitive bidding for the agency
20 or instrumentality, political subdivision or authority is
21 amended to provide an increase in the dollar amount fixed by law
22 on the effective date of this act.

23 Section 5. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.