

HB 2199 -- SCHOOL BONDS

SPONSOR: Wright

This bill allows the Health and Educational Facilities Authority to provide best-practices assistance to school districts for the issuance of bonds, notes, and other indebtedness including, but not limited to, structuring and marketing advice, debt-management training, and promotion of the use of the tools for sound financial management. A school district that uses the school bond fund for issuance of a bond in excess in \$3 million must request bids from multiple market participants and sell the bonds at competitive sale at the lowest true interest cost. The district's financial advisor must not underwrite the issue, and no underwriter of the issue is allowed to serve as a financial advisor on the issue. The district may seek a waiver of the competitive sale, which must be granted if the authority judges a waiver would serve the district's financial interests.