

HB 596 -- Design-Build Contracts for School Districts

Sponsor: Molendorp

This bill authorizes school districts to enter into design-build contracts for construction projects costing more than \$1 million. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes design-build contract procedures;
- (2) Requires school boards to adopt procedures for requesting proposals and evaluating and awarding contracts from up to five prequalified contractors;
- (3) Establishes advertising requirements and procedures for submitting and opening proposals and for readvertising when necessary;
- (4) Allows responsive bidders who are not awarded a contract to receive a stipend;
- (5) Specifies that payment bonds are required, but the performance bond does not need to cover design services if the contractor or subcontractor providing design services carries professional liability insurance in the required amount;
- (6) Requires architects, engineers, and land surveyors to be licensed or authorized under statute;
- (7) Requires a district to retain an architect or engineer unless it already retains one; and
- (8) Prohibits the architect or engineer from acting as the design-build contractor or subcontractor for the project.