

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 401  
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO ASSIST FORSYTH COUNTY AND STANLY COUNTY WITH  
EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.**

Whereas, Stanly County is faced with the critical need for school facilities created by an unusual growth in student population; and

Whereas, the Stanly County Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners of Stanly County have jointly approved and funded a School Facilities 2000 building program; and

Whereas, the Stanly County Board of Education, faced with the critical need for school facilities, has implemented a model facilities plan using a repetitive design approach to design school facilities that are educationally effective and economically efficient; and

Whereas, the Stanly County Board of Education desires to explore alternative approaches to expedite the construction of school facilities that could assist in meeting the critical need for school facilities; and

Whereas, the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment to enhance public education and to encourage innovation by public officials in meeting the critical need for school facilities; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education may select and negotiate with single-prime or separate-prime contractors to build school buildings using the repetitive design approach if the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education determine that using the selection and negotiations processes instead of competitive bidding will expedite the project, create an effective construction team, and control costs, quality, and schedule.

**SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Counties of Forsyth and Stanly only.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June 30, 2006. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2001.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives