

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 24
HOUSE BILL 230

AN ACT TO EXEMPT TEMPORARILY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM
STATE PURCHASE AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ACQUIRING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES.

Whereas, the General Assembly relies on the Department of Administration's State Computer Center for computer operations relating to bill drafting and other vital legislative data processing activities; and

Whereas, the State Computer Center will continue to provide support for computer operations at the request of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds immediate need to guarantee the security of its computer files containing bill drafts and other confidential legislative records; and

Whereas, the most effective way to guarantee this high level of security and confidentiality is by establishing immediately some of the internal computer operations which the General Assembly had planned for a later date; and

Whereas, the Department of Administration is planning to move its computer site during the current Legislative Session, potentially causing the disruption of these vital data processing activities; and

Whereas, the potential disruption brought on by such a move could lengthen unnecessarily the Legislative Session and cost the State additional money; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is developing the staff capacity to assume some automated information systems responsibilities from the State Computer Center and to share others; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that an emergency situation exists requiring the provision of reliable and confidential computer systems for the Legislative Branch of Government during this session; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-129 does not apply to contracts for equipment, supplies, and services related to the establishment and operation of computer and information processing systems for the General Assembly.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification, but only applies to contracts entered into after that date but before March 1, 1987.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of March, 1985.