

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,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the
3 General Statutes, the Johnston County Board of Education may select and negotiate with
4 separate prime contractors to build the Unitary System Approach (USA) model school
5 plan if the Johnston County Board of Education determines that using the selection and
6 negotiations processes instead of competitive bidding will expedite the project, create an
7 effective construction team, and control costs, quality, and schedule.

8 Section 2. This act shall apply to construction of an elementary school at
9 McGee's Crossroads, an elementary school in Benson, and an elementary/middle school
10 in West Johnson County. The Johnson County Board of Education shall report to the
11 General Assembly the net price per square foot for each project at the completion of each
12 project.

13 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June 30,
14 2000.