

HCS HB 1707 -- DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Muschany (Baker, 123)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Student Achievement by a vote of 6 to 0.

This substitute authorizes school districts to enter into design-build contracts for construction projects costing more than \$15,000. Design-build procedures are established regarding the process in individual school districts including requesting proposals, advertising, awarding contracts, employing an architect or engineer, and setting requirements for bonding and contractor licensure and exemptions.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that design-build contracts streamline the building process, can save money, and offer value-based feedback that increases accountability.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Baker (123).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.