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**\*1 re: Financial Restraints Placed on Local School Board Purchases**

Mr. Fred M. Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of August 7, 1973, inquiring as to the financial restraints placed on purchases made by local school boards. You have specifically asked for the maximum expenditure for labor and/or materials that a school board can make without taking bids; the date the maximum was established; and amendments affecting initial legislation in this area.

The only applicable statute is § 1-466, South Carolina Code of Laws (1962), which requires competitive bidding when construction projects use State funds in excess of ten thousand dollars. Enclosed is Opinion No. 3143, 70-71 Opinions of the Attorney General, page 102, which construes this section. I have also enclosed previous acts and amendments pertaining to § 1-466.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

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Legal Assistant

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