

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 is effective when it becomes law and shall expire on June
9 30, 2000.