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By Representative Wood (N & P)

RFD: Local Legislation

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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to construction of athletic facilities at public schools in Calhoun County; to exempt from certain competitive bidding and construction laws, the construction or renovation of a minor athletic facility at a public school in Calhoun County, as long as construction is done in compliance with all codes, laws, rules, and standards that apply to persons licensed by the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board; and to define minor athletic facility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall apply only in Calhoun County.

Section 2. The Legislature of the State of Alabama finds that our citizens strongly support our schools and sports, and that many of our citizens are highly skilled and are willing to donate their time and to donate materials to
construct or renovate facilities for school sports. The Legislature further finds that minor athletic facilities, as provided in this act, with a great savings in cost, may be adequately and safely constructed and safely used if constructed or renovated by persons or entities that comply with or engage persons or entities that comply with the codes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, and standards that apply to a person or entity licensed by the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board without compliance with any other law, code, regulation, ordinance, rule, or standard generally required of public school construction projects.

Section 3. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) MINOR ATHLETIC FACILITY. A concession stand, dugout, changing room, bathroom, or similar facility in the immediate vicinity of a school softball field, baseball field, football field, soccer field, track, or other outside school area used for athletic events, practice, or exercise, the total cost of the construction or renovation of which, not including any amount for volunteer labor or services or materials donated, is one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) or less.

(2) SCHOOL. A public school, including an elementary school, middle school, high school, school in which education for kindergarten through twelfth grade or any of those grades is provided, community college, college, or university.
Section 4. Notwithstanding any provision of the Code of Alabama 1975, or any code, regulation, ordinance, rule, or standard adopted thereto to the contrary, a minor athletic facility may be constructed or renovated by a person or entity that complies with, or that engages persons or entities that comply with, all laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, rules, and standards that apply at the location of the construction or renovation to a person or entity licensed by the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.