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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Boggs

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SUMMARY

- Allows a county to purchase public health-related items and communication equipment without competitive bidding, solicit bids electronically, and open bids during a meeting held electronically during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

County competitive bidding suspended

Ohio law generally requires counties to competitively bid a purchase over \$50,000, to notify the public regarding bid opportunities by publishing in a newspaper, and to open bids publicly at an established time and place.¹ The bill suspends these requirements during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but the suspension of competitive bidding for purchases over \$50,000 only applies to purchases for resources and supplies necessary to public health and communications equipment.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
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¹ R.C. 307.86, 307.861, 307.87, and 307.88, not in the bill.

² Sections 1, 2, and 3.