



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5821

House of Representatives, March 28, 2000

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. KNOPP of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Authorizing The Cooperative Municipal Purchasing Of Goods And Services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 4a-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may join with
4 federal agencies, other state governments, political subdivisions of this
5 state or nonprofit organizations in cooperative purchasing plans under
6 which the commissioner makes purchases for the state, when the best
7 interests of the state would be served thereby.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, in conjunction
9 with the Department of Environmental Protection and within available
10 appropriations, shall make known to the chief executive officer of each
11 municipality the existence of cooperative plans under subsection (a) of

12 this section for the purchase of recycled paper.

13 (c) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may establish, or
14 assist in the establishment of, cooperative purchasing plans for the
15 purchase of goods and services solely by municipalities and other
16 political subdivisions of the state. The commissioner shall make known
17 to the chief executive officer of each municipality the existence of any
18 cooperative plan under this subsection.

19 (d) Any contract for the purchase of goods and services by a state
20 agency may include provisions enabling any municipality to purchase
21 such goods or services from the contractor at the unit price set forth in
22 the contract, subject to the approval of the contractor for any other
23 terms and conditions for such purchase.

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 21 Nay 0 JFS

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Administrative Services

Municipal Impact: Potential Significant Savings

Explanation

State and Municipal Impact:

The passage of this bill could result in minimal cost to the state and could result in savings to municipalities that could be significant. The bill allows the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to establish cooperative purchasing plans for the purchase of goods and services solely by municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state. The commissioner of DAS already administers cooperative purchasing plans for municipalities for goods and services purchased by the state. This could result in additional costs from establishing municipal-only purchasing contracts. The number of contracts is not anticipated to be large and the costs would be minimal and absorbed within current appropriations. The potential savings to municipalities cannot be determined at this time, but could be significant.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COOPERATIVE MUNICIPAL PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES

SUMMARY:

This bill gives the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner the authority to establish or help establish cooperative purchasing plans for municipalities and the state's other political subdivisions. She must inform every town's chief executive officer of the existence of any cooperative plan for goods or services. Currently, towns, other political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations can make purchases through existing state contracts, but DAS has no cooperative plans for municipalities only.

The bill also allows any state agency's purchasing contract for goods or services to include provisions permitting a town to make a purchase from the contractor at the contract price, subject to the contractor's approval of other purchase terms and conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0