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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND STATE PROCUREMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No state official,
2 including, but not limited to, the Governor, may bind the state to the
3 government procurement rules of an international trade agreement or
4 give consent to the federal government to bind the state to the
5 government procurement rules of an international trade agreement.
6 For the purposes of this section "international trade agreement" means
7 a trade agreement between the federal government and a foreign
8 country to which the state, at the request of the federal government, is
9 a party.

10 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
11 the Governor may bind the state or give consent to the federal
12 government to bind the state to the government procurement rules of
13 an international trade agreement when the General Assembly has
14 enacted legislation that explicitly authorizes the Governor to bind the
15 state or give consent to the federal government to bind the state to the

16 government procurement rules of a specific international trade
17 agreement.

18 (c) Any consent that the Governor or any other state official has
19 provided for the state to be bound by the government procurement
20 rules of any international trade agreement, on or before the effective
21 date of this section, is invalid and the state shall not be bound by the
22 government procurement rules of any such international trade
23 agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GAE *Joint Favorable*