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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF STATE JOBS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) The Governor shall
2 review all state contracts in effect on October 1, 2008, and identify any
3 state contracts under which services are being provided outside
4 Connecticut or outside the United States. Not later than January 1,
5 2009, the Governor shall prepare a report listing the contracts under
6 which state funds are being paid for services performed outside
7 Connecticut and the United States. Such report shall also include an
8 assessment of the economic costs and benefits of any such outsourced
9 contracts. Such report shall be made available to the public in hard
10 copy and accessible electronically by means of the Internet or other
11 media or systems.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
13 evaluate and identify, within available resources, reasons businesses in
14 Connecticut enter into contracts under which services are provided or
15 goods are being manufactured outside Connecticut or outside the
16 United States and, in particular, evaluate how Connecticut's tax
17 structure, business regulations, energy costs and health insurance costs

18 affect such contracts.

19 (b) The task force shall consist of the following ten members:

20 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (7) One appointed by the Governor;

29 (8) One member of the joint standing committee of the General
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce;

31 (9) One member of the joint standing committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance; and

33 (10) The Business Advocate, appointed pursuant to section 32-725 of
34 the general statutes.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of
36 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

37 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
38 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
39 filled by the appointing authority.

40 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
41 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
42 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall

43 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
44 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

45 (f) The administrative staff of the Office of the Business Advocate
46 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a
48 report on its findings and recommendations, in accordance with
49 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
50 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
51 commerce. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits
52 such report on January 10, 2010, whichever is later.

53 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Each request for
54 proposals issued by a state agency for a contract for the performance of
55 services (1) shall require that each proposer submitting a proposal
56 pursuant to such request disclose the location or locations where the
57 services under the contract and any subcontract under the contract
58 would be performed and whether any such services would be
59 performed outside Connecticut or the United States, and (2) may
60 include criteria for the awarding of the contract that consider the
61 economic impact to Connecticut and residents of the state of the
62 location or locations where services under the contract would be
63 performed and, all other factors in awarding the contract being equal,
64 give higher rating for services performed in the United States.

65 (b) If a state agency awards a contract for the performance of
66 services to a proposer based on criteria that the services under the
67 contract and any subcontract be performed in the United States, such
68 contract shall (1) require the contractor to notify the state agency if
69 such contractor or any subcontractor subsequently performs any of the
70 services under the contract outside Connecticut or the United States,
71 and (2) establish remedies if the contractor wilfully or intentionally
72 fails to notify the state agency in the event such contractor or any
73 subcontractor subsequently performs any of the services under the
74 contract outside the United States and the performance of such

75 services in the United States was a material obligation of the contract.

76 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) There is established, within
77 available appropriations, a division within the office of the Attorney
78 General to assist manufacturers and other businesses operating in the
79 state in protecting their patents and businesses from unfair and illegal
80 competition from businesses operating outside the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

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