



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 329

Senate, March 27, 2012

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. PRAGUE of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A SURETY BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM FOR EMERGING CONTRACTORS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Emerging contractor" means a contractor who (A) has not been
3 prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100 of the general statutes, and (B) is
4 unable to obtain bonding required under section 49-41 of the general
5 statutes to bid on a contract or perform work pursuant to a contract for
6 the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or
7 demolition of any public building or any other public work by the state
8 or a municipality, except a public highway or bridge project or any
9 other construction project administered by the Department of
10 Transportation; and

11 (2) "Contract" means an agreement for work for the state or a
12 municipality that is estimated to cost more than five hundred
13 thousand dollars and is funded, in whole or in part, by state funds.

14 (b) Not later than February 1, 2013, the Commissioner of
 15 Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of
 16 Construction Services, Transportation and Economic and Community
 17 Development, and the Labor Commissioner, or their designees, shall
 18 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4 of the general statutes,
 19 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 20 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees. Such
 21 report shall include an analysis of the feasibility of: (1) Alleviating, for
 22 emerging contractors, the bond requirements of sections 4a-100 and 49-
 23 41 of the general statutes, and (2) establishing a surety bond program
 24 to assist emerging contractors to more effectively compete for public
 25 works contracts.

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

LAB *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. The bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to submit a report on the feasibility of alleviating bond requirements and establishing a surety bond program for emerging contractors. There is no fiscal impact to the other referenced departments associated with consulting with DAS in regards to this study.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)