



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 92

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES USING EXISTING CONTRACTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-71v of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management may join with
4 federal agencies, other state governments, political subdivisions of this
5 state or nonprofit organizations in cooperative purchasing plans when
6 the best interests of the state would be served thereby.

7 (b) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management may purchase
8 equipment, supplies, materials, information systems,
9 telecommunication systems and services from a person who has a
10 contract to sell such goods or services to other state governments,
11 political subdivisions of the state, nonprofit organizations or public

12 purchasing consortia, in accordance with the terms and conditions of
13 such contract, when the best interest of the state would be served. Any
14 purchase made pursuant to this subsection shall not constitute a
15 waiver of any rights or protections provided under any provision of
16 the general statutes to the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-71v

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Savings

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the Joint Committee on Legislative Management (JCLM) to join contracts that have already been negotiated which will enhance their purchasing options and streamline the administrative process. To the extent that these cooperative purchasing alternatives are utilized a savings could result. Due to the nature of the current contracts, any potential savings are not expected to be substantial.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 92*****AN ACT PERMITTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES USING EXISTING CONTRACTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Legislative Management Committee, when the best interest of the state would be served, to purchase equipment, supplies, materials, information and telecommunication systems, and services by joining existing purchasing contracts in other states, Connecticut political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, or public consortia, subject to the same contract terms and conditions as the other entities. It specifies that such purchases do not waive any rights or protections that the legislature has under the General Statutes.

By law, the committee can already join with other government entities and nonprofit organizations to make cooperative purchases in the best interest of the state. However, the committee lacks express authority to join an existing purchasing contract.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 182, reported favorably by the Higher Education Committee, allows the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of higher education to join existing purchasing contracts (including contracts with private consortia).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2014)