



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5312

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**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ONLINE EXPLANATION BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF ANY CONTRACT
EXTENDED WITHOUT USING COMPETITIVE BIDDING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4a-59a of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (a) No state agency may extend a contract for the purchase of
5 supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services which expires
6 on or after October 1, 1990, and is subject to the competitive bidding
7 requirements of subsection (a) of section 4a-57, without complying
8 with such requirements, unless the Commissioner of Administrative
9 Services makes a written determination, supported by documentation,
10 that (1) soliciting competitive bids for such purchase would cause a
11 hardship for the state, (2) such solicitation would result in a major
12 increase in the cost of such supplies, materials, equipment or
13 contractual services, or (3) the contractor is the sole source for such
14 supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services. Except in the
15 case where the contractor is the sole source as set forth in subdivision
16 (3) of this subsection, the commissioner shall solicit at least three
17 competitive quotations in addition to the contractor's quotation, and
18 shall make a written determination that no such competitive quotation

19 which complies with the existing specifications for the contract is
20 lower than or equal to the contractor's quotation. Any such contract
21 extension shall be based on the contractor's quotation. No contract may
22 be extended more than two times under this section.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
24 the Commissioner of Administrative Services may, for a period of up
25 to one year from the date such contract would otherwise expire, (1)
26 extend any contract in effect on May 1, 2005, with a value of fifty
27 thousand dollars or more per year, to perform any of the following
28 services for the state: Janitorial, building maintenance, security and
29 food and beverage, provided any such extension shall include any
30 applicable increase in the standard wage and the payroll burden to
31 administer the standard wage, as established by the Labor
32 Department, or (2) extend an existing contract if the commissioner
33 certifies in writing that failure to provide such extension would
34 compromise the continuity of state agency systems or operations.

35 (c) If any contract is extended pursuant to this section without
36 complying with the competitive bidding requirements of subsection
37 (a) of section 4a-57, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
38 post an explanation of the reasons for such noncompliance on the
39 Department of Administrative Services' Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	4a-59a

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*