
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 182

AN ACT CONFORMING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION PURCHASING STATUTES WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PURCHASING STATUTES AND PRACTICE.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of the state higher education system to join with federal agencies, other states, Connecticut political subdivisions, or private or nonprofit organizations in cooperative purchasing plans when it is in the state's best interests to do so.

The bill also allows the state, through the chief executive of a constituent unit of higher education, to purchase equipment, supplies, materials, and services by joining existing purchasing contracts in other states, Connecticut political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, or private or public consortia. The state is subject to the same contract terms and conditions as the other entities. By law, the state may already join such contracts (except for those with private consortia) through the administrative services commissioner (CGS § 4a-53(b)).

By law, the constituent units are UConn, the Connecticut State University System, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

SB 92, reported favorably by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, allows legislative management to join existing purchasing contracts (except for contracts with private consortia).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/04/2014)