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Substitute House Bill No. 5178

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF CERTAIN QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS AND AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF EACH QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018, and applicable to contracts*
2 *entered into or renewed on or after said date*) (a) For the purposes of this
3 section, "quasi-public agency" has the same meaning as provided in
4 section 1-120 of the general statutes and "contract" means any of the
5 following that a quasi-public agency intends to enter into or renew: (1)
6 An employment contract with an annual increase or bonus of more
7 than fifty thousand dollars, (2) a consulting contract with an annual
8 cost of more than five hundred thousand dollars, or (3) a separation
9 agreement with a cost of more than one hundred thousand dollars.

10 (b) On and after October 1, 2018, each quasi-public agency shall
11 submit a copy of each contract to the Attorney General for review and
12 comment prior to entering into or renewing such contract. The quasi-

13 public agency shall also, at the time of submission of such contract to
14 the Attorney General, submit a copy of such contract to the joint
15 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
16 such quasi-public agency, in accordance with the provisions of section
17 11-4a of the general statutes.

18 Sec. 2. Section 1-123 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
20 *1, 2018*):

21 (a) The board of directors of each quasi-public agency shall annually
22 submit a report to the Governor, [and] the Auditors of Public Accounts
23 and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, the joint
24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
25 matters relating to the quasi-public agency. Such report shall include,
26 but need not be limited to, the following: (1) A list of all bond issues
27 for the preceding fiscal year, including, for each such issue, the
28 financial advisor and underwriters, whether the issue was competitive,
29 negotiated or privately placed, and the issue's face value and net
30 proceeds; (2) a list of all projects other than those pertaining to owner-
31 occupied housing or student loans receiving financial assistance
32 during the preceding fiscal year, including each project's purpose,
33 location, and the amount of funds provided by the agency; (3) a list of
34 all outside individuals and firms receiving in excess of five thousand
35 dollars in the form of loans, grants or payments for services, except for
36 individuals receiving loans for owner-occupied housing and
37 education; (4) a balance sheet showing all revenues and expenditures;
38 (5) the cumulative value of all bonds issued, the value of outstanding
39 bonds, and the amount of the state's contingent liability; (6) the
40 affirmative action policy statement, a description of the composition of
41 the agency's work force by race, sex, and occupation and a description
42 of the agency's affirmative action efforts; and (7) a description of
43 planned activities for the current fiscal year. The joint standing
44 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
45 relating to the quasi-public agency may conduct a hearing on such
46 report and may require the quasi-public agency to provide additional

47 information relating to such report.

48 (b) For the quarter commencing July 1, 2010, and for each quarter
49 thereafter, the board of directors of each quasi-public agency shall
50 submit a report to the Office of Fiscal Analysis. Such report shall
51 include, but not be limited to, for each fund and account of the agency:
52 (1) The beginning fiscal year balance; (2) all funds expended and all
53 revenue collected by the end of the quarter; and (3) total expenditures
54 and revenues estimated at the end of the fiscal year. For the purposes
55 of this subsection, "expenditures" and "revenues" have the same
56 meaning as provided in section 4-69.

57 (c) For the quarter commencing July 1, 2010, and for each quarter
58 thereafter, the board of directors of each quasi-public agency shall
59 submit a personnel status report to the Office of Fiscal Analysis. Such
60 report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The total number of
61 employees by the end of the quarter; (2) the positions vacated and the
62 positions filled by the end of the quarter; and (3) the positions
63 estimated to be vacant and the positions estimated to be filled at the
64 end of the fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018, and applicable to contracts entered into or renewed on or after said date</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	1-123

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires certain quasi-public agency contracts and agreements to be submitted to the Attorney General for review and comment prior to execution. It also requires submittal to the legislative committee of cognizance to hold optional hearings to request additional information. These provisions have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5178*****AN ACT REQUIRING EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF CERTAIN QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS AND AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF EACH QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the following quasi-public agency contracts and agreements be submitted, prior to execution or renewal, to the attorney general for review and comment and also to the legislative committee of cognizance: (1) employment contracts with an annual increase or bonus over \$50,000, (2) consulting contracts that cost over \$500,000 annually, and (3) separation agreements that cost over \$100,000.

The bill also requires each quasi-public agency to submit its annual report to its committee of cognizance, and allows the committee to (1) hold a hearing on the report and (2) require the agency to provide additional related information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018, and applicable to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date, except for the annual report provisions, which are effective July 1, 2018

Related Bill

sSB 180, reported favorably by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, requires similar review of quasi-public agency contracts and agreements with an exemption for certain financial consulting contracts. The bill does not require the quasi-public agency to submit its annual report to its committee of cognizance.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)