



House Bill No. 7087

Public Act No. 19-136

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL
AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE
CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND THE MEMBERSHIP
AND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD.**

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

Section 1. Section 4e-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(a) The board shall conduct audits of state contracting agencies, triennially, to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations concerning procurement. In conducting each such audit, the board shall have access to all contracting and procurement records, may interview any and all personnel responsible for contracting, contract negotiations or procurement and may enter into an agreement with the Auditors of Public Accounts to effectuate such audit.

(b) Upon completion of any such audit, the board shall prepare and issue a compliance report for the state contracting agency. Such report shall identify any process or procedure that is inconsistent with statutes and regulations concerning procurement and indicate those corrective measures the board deems necessary to comply with statutes and regulations concerning procurement requirements. Such report shall be issued and delivered to the state contracting agency not

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later than thirty days after completion of such audit and shall be a public record. The state contracting agency may provide a written response to the board concerning such report not later than sixty days after receipt of such report and any such response shall be a public record. After receiving such response or after such sixty-day period has elapsed with no response, whichever is earlier, the board may submit such report and the response, if applicable, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the state contracting agency that is the subject of such report, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and government administration.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4e-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(a) There is established a State Contracting Standards Board that shall consist of fourteen members appointed as follows: Eight members by the Governor, at least one of whom is certified in procurement, two members by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two members by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one member by the majority leader of the Senate and one member by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is certified in procurement. In the event that the party of the Governor also controls both houses of the General Assembly, the board shall be appointed as follows: Eight members by the Governor, at least one of whom is certified in procurement, one member by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one member by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one member by the majority leader of the Senate, one member [of] by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one member by the minority leader of the Senate and one member by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who is certified in procurement.

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Sec. 3. Subsection (m) of section 4e-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(m) [Eight] A majority of the appointed members of the board, [including not less than one member appointed by a legislative leader] but not less than five members, shall constitute a quorum, which shall be required for the transaction of business by the board.

Approved July 9, 2019