

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-916

AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY  
**Title:** CONTRACTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS.

**Vote Date:** 3/6/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/27/2019

**File No.:** 4518

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill requires construction contractors to provide additional information as part of their prequalification application to include: any legal or administrative proceedings pending, settled or concluded adversely against the applicant, any of the applicant's principals or key personnel within the last five years, to include the nonpayment or underpayment of wages or benefits to the applicants, principal's or their key personnel's employees during the performance period of any public or private construction contract.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

#### **Josh Geballe, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services(DAS):**

The bill adds additional burdens to the businesses applying for prequalification and existing processes already provide such safeguards. In Particular, DAS is opposed to any requirement that applicants disclose information about pending proceedings. Because of the constitutional due process requirements, DAS cannot consider pending matters in it evaluation.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Sal Luciano, President, Connecticut AFL-CIO:**

The bill requires an applicant for pre-qualification to disclose any legal or administrative proceedings (pending, settled or concluded) relating to the nonpayment or underpayment of wages or benefits within the past five years. Currently the applicant is not required to disclose this information.

**The Foundation for Fair Contracting:** The bill requires additional disclosure in the application for prequalification. It requires the applicant to disclose any legal or administrative proceedings, pending, settled or concluded relating to the nonpayment or underpayment of wages or benefits within the past five years.

**Others in Support:**

- Local Union 777
- Thompson, Michael, ASMRCC

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

**Reported by: Nick Rogers  
Committee Clerk**

**Date: 3-14-19**