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**PA 19-136—HB 7087**

*Government Administration and Elections Committee*

**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**

**SUMMARY:** This act makes various changes to the laws governing the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) by (1) specifying the recipient of its compliance report and a process for responses, (2) establishing qualifications for certain appointed board members, and (3) modifying the quorum requirement.

Existing law requires SCSB to audit state contracting agencies every three years and, within 30 days after completion, issue and deliver a compliance report, which is a public record. The act explicitly directs SCSB to issue and deliver the compliance report to the state contracting agency and allows the agency to respond in writing within 60 days after receipt. It specifically makes the response a public record. After receiving the response, or after 60 days have elapsed with no response, the act allows SCSB to submit both the report and response, if any, to the Appropriations and Government Administration and Elections committees, as well as the contracting agency's committee of cognizance.

By law, SCSB consists of 14 members, eight appointed by the governor and six appointed by legislative leaders. The act requires that at least two members be certified in procurement, one each appointed by the (1) governor and (2) House minority leader, or if the governor's party does not control the General Assembly, by the House majority leader.

Lastly, the act modifies the SCSB quorum requirements. Under prior law, eight SCSB members, including at least one legislative appointee, constituted a quorum. A quorum under the act consists of a majority of the appointed members, but no fewer than five. The act eliminates the requirement that at least one of these members be a legislative appointee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2019, except the compliance report provisions are effective October 1, 2019.