OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7087 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.

SUMMARY

Existing law requires the State Contracting Standards Board (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. This bill explicitly directs SCSB to issue and deliver the compliance report to the state contracting agency.

The bill allows the agency to respond in writing to SCSB’s report 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 bill allows the 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.

Under the bill, at least two SCSB members must be certified in procurement, one each appointed by (1) the governor and (2) the House majority leader, or if the governor’s party controls the General Assembly, by the House minority leader.

Lastly, the bill modifies the SCSB quorum requirements. Under current law, eight SCSB members, including at least one legislative appointee, constitutes a quorum. A quorum under the bill consists of a majority of the appointed members, but no less than five.

*House Amendment “A” requires certain SCSB appointed members to be certified in procurement and modifies the quorum requirement.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15  Nay 0  (03/06/2019)