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Raised Bill No. 1152

LCO No. 4224



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTING WITH QUASI-PUBLIC
AGENCIES UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 1-84 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official
5 or employee's immediate family or a business with which he is
6 associated shall enter into any contract with the state or a quasi-public
7 agency, valued at one hundred dollars or more, other than a contract (A)
8 of employment as a state employee, (B) with the Technical Education
9 and Career System for students enrolled in a school in the system to
10 perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical, technological
11 or postsecondary education and training any such student is receiving
12 at a school in the system, subject to the review process under
13 subdivision (2) of this subsection, (C) with a public institution of higher
14 education to support a collaboration with such institution to develop

15 and commercialize any invention or discovery, or (D) pursuant to a
16 court appointment, unless the contract has been awarded through an
17 open and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent
18 public disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded.
19 In no event shall an executive head of an agency, as defined in section
20 4-166, including a commissioner of a department, or an executive head
21 of a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, or the executive
22 head's immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter
23 into any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in
24 this subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who
25 is appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or
26 director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation
27 other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary
28 expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public official's
29 duties unless such public official has authority or control over the
30 subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of this
31 subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the
32 suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the
33 making of the contract.

34 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System
35 shall establish an open and transparent process to review any contract
36 entered into under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
37 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2023	1-84(i)
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the prohibition against certain individuals contracting with state agencies under the state code of ethics unless awarded through an open and public process to include contracts with quasi-public agencies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]