



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 836

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Substitute House Bill No. 7232

House of Representatives, May 6, 2025

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE STATE CONTRACTING.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
- 2 and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of
- 3 Administrative Services, the State Comptroller and the Attorney
- 4 General, shall use existing personnel to conduct a review of the state
- 5 contracting process for all state agency contracts and payment policies
- 6 concerning state agency contracts with service providers and nonprofit
- 7 organizations, and shall examine ways to streamline and expedite such
- 8 process and policies. Such review and examination shall include, but
- 9 need not be limited to: (1) A determination of whether state agency
- 10 staffing levels are adequate to draft and process such contracts, and, if
- 11 not, what staffing levels would be adequate; (2) an identification of
- 12 complications that result from the tiered process of procurement that
- 13 may require multiple agencies and the Attorney General to review such
- 14 contracts; (3) an identification of complications that result from payment

15 policies concerning state agency contracts with service providers and
16 nonprofit organizations that may prevent such payments from being
17 processed in a timely manner after contracts are approved; (4) the
18 feasibility of utilizing master contracts that may be amended as needed;
19 and (5) the feasibility of allocating funds carried forward from the
20 previous fiscal year to such service providers or nonprofit organizations
21 to sustain the operation of existing programs when state agency
22 contracts with such providers or nonprofit organizations are delayed.
23 The secretary shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
24 11-4a of the general statutes, the results and findings of such review and
25 examination, including the secretary's recommendations for
26 streamlining the state contracting process and payment policies, to the
27 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
28 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
29 later than January 1, 2026.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	950,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct a review of the state contracting process for all state agencies and submit a report by January 1, 2026.¹ This results in a cost of \$950,000 to OPM in FY 26 for a consultant as OPM does not have the staff necessary to meet these requirements in the specified time frame.

The Out Years

This cost is one-time only.

¹ It is estimated a review will be needed of approximately 36 agencies.

OFA Bill Analysis**HB 7232*****AN ACT CONCERNING EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE STATE CONTRACTING.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management to (1) consult with the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of the State Comptroller, and the Attorney General in conducting a review of the state contracting process for all state agency contracts and payment policies and (2) provide a report to the Connecticut General Assembly by January 1, 2026. This includes all state agency contracts with service providers and nonprofit organizations.

The review and report must contain the following:

- A determination if staffing levels are adequate for the draft and process of the contract and if not, what the staffing levels should be.
- An identification of any complications that are a result of a tiered process or procurement.
- An identification of any complications regarding payment policies that prevent payments from being processed on time.
- A determination if it is feasible to allocate funds to service provider or nonprofits from a previous fiscal year to sustain operation of existing programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: From passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/04/2025)