

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7232

LCO No. **5064**

Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by: (APP)

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 conduct a review of the state contracting process for all 5 state agency contracts and payment policies concerning state agency 6 contracts with service providers and nonprofit organizations, and shall 7 examine ways to streamline and expedite such process and policies. 8 Such review and examination shall include, but need not be limited to: 9 (1) A determination of whether state agency staffing levels are adequate 10 to draft and process such contracts, and, if not, what staffing levels 11 would be adequate; (2) an identification of complications that result 12 from the tiered process of procurement that may require multiple 13 agencies and the Attorney General to review such contracts; (3) an 14 identification of complications that result from payment policies 15 concerning state agency contracts with service providers and nonprofit 16 organizations that may prevent such payments from being processed in 17 a timely manner after contracts are approved; (4) the feasibility of 18 utilizing master contracts that may be amended as needed; and (5) the 19 feasibility of allocating funds carried forward from the previous fiscal year to such service providers or nonprofit organizations to sustain the 20 21 operation of existing programs when state agency contracts with such 22 providers or nonprofit organizations are delayed. The secretary shall 23 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general 24 statutes, the results and findings of such review and examination, 25 including the secretary's recommendations for streamlining the state 26 contracting process and payment policies, to the joint standing 27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 28 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later 29 than January 1, 2026.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To review state contracting and payment policies to identify ways to streamline and improve these processes in order to provide timely contracts and payments to contractors for the provision of services to the state's residents.

[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.]