



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 7232***

*January Session, 2025*



***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

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*