
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 259

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

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits public officials and state employees (and their immediate family members and associated businesses) from entering into contracts worth \$100 or more with quasi-public agencies unless the contract was (1) awarded through an open and public process or (2) according to a court appointment. By law, this prohibition already applies to contracts with state agencies, with some exceptions (e.g., contracts with technical high schools for students to perform services in conjunction with their training). Under existing law, the open and public process must include prior public offer and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded.

By law, an associated business is any business entity in which a public official, state employee, or immediate family member is a director, officer, owner, limited or general partner, trust beneficiary, or a stockholder with at least 5% of the total outstanding stock in any class. They do not include nonprofit entities for which the person is an unpaid officer or director (CGS § 1-79(2)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/15/2024)