



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 259

LCO No. 1540



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTING WITH QUASI-PUBLIC
AGENCIES UNDER THE STATE CODES 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 2024 supplement to the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

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, or the executive head's immediate family or a
22 business with which he is associated enter into any contract with that
23 agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be
24 construed as applying to any public official who is appointed as a
25 member of the executive branch or as a member or director of a quasi-
26 public agency and who receives no compensation other than per diem
27 payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both,
28 incurred in the performance of the public official's duties unless such
29 public official has authority or control over the subject matter of the
30 contract. Any contract made in violation of this subsection shall be
31 voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced
32 not later than one hundred eighty days after the making of the contract.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	1-84(i)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the prohibition against certain individuals contracting with state agencies under the state codes 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.]