

General Assembly

January Session, 2019

Substitute Bill No. 1041



AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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

- Section 1. Section 4-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
- 3 (a) Each personal service agreement executed on or after July 1, 4 1994, and having a cost of more than twenty thousand dollars but not 5 more than fifty thousand dollars and a term of not more than one year 6 shall be based on competitive negotiation or competitive quotations, 7 unless the state agency purchasing the personal services determines 8 that a sole source purchase is required and applies to the secretary for a waiver from such requirement and the secretary grants the waiver. 10 Not later than March 1, 1994, the secretary shall adopt guidelines for 11 determining the types of services that may qualify for such waivers.] 12 The qualifying services that may be granted under this section shall 13 [include, but not] be limited to: [,] (1) [services] Services for which the
- cost to the state of a competitive selection procedure would outweigh
- 15 the benefits of such procedure, as documented by the state agency, (2)
- 16 proprietary services, (3) services to be provided by a contractor
- 17 mandated by the general statutes or a public or special act, and (4)
- 18 emergency services, including services needed for the protection of life
- 19 or health.
- 20 (b) The secretary shall immediately notify the Auditors of Public

- 21 Accounts of any application that the secretary receives for approval of
- 22 a sole source purchase of audit services and give the auditors the
- 23 opportunity to review the application to advise the secretary as to
- 24 whether such services are necessary and, if so, whether such services
- 25 could be provided by said auditors.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4-216 of the general statutes is
- 27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 28 October 1, 2019):
- 29 (b) Each personal service agreement having a cost of more than fifty
- 30 thousand dollars or a term of more than one year shall be based on
- 31 competitive negotiation or competitive quotations, unless the state
- 32 agency purchasing the personal services applies to the secretary for a
- 33 waiver from such requirement and the secretary grants the waiver in
- 34 accordance with [the guidelines adopted under] section 4-215, as
- 35 <u>amended by this act</u>.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 2-90 of the general statutes is
- 37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 38 *October* 1, 2019):
- 39 (g) Each state agency shall keep its accounts in such form and by
- 40 such methods as to exhibit the facts required by said auditors and, the
- 41 provisions of any other general statute notwithstanding, shall make all
- 42 records and accounts available to them or their agents, upon demand.
- 43 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no state agency
- 44 may deny the auditors access to their records or accounts.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 2-90 of the general statutes is
- 46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 47 *October* 1, 2019):
- 48 (c) Said auditors shall audit, on a biennial basis if deemed most
- 49 economical and efficient, or as frequently as they deem necessary, the
- 50 books and accounts of each officer, department, commission, board
- and court of the state government, all institutions supported by the

- 52 state and all public and quasi-public bodies, politic and corporate, 53 created by public or special act of the General Assembly and not 54 required to be audited or subject to reporting requirements, under the 55 provisions of chapter 111. Each such audit may include an examination 56 of any relevant information concerning the department, commission, 57 board or court of state government being audited that is in the 58 possession or control of a private entity that has a contract with such 59 department, commission, board or court and such information shall be 60 provided upon demand in a format prescribed by the auditors at no 61 cost to the auditors or the department, commission, board or court. 62 Each such audit may include an examination of performance in order 63 to determine effectiveness in achieving expressed legislative purposes. 64 The auditors shall report their findings and recommendations to the 65 Governor, the State Comptroller and the joint standing committee of 66 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 67 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.
- Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this section, "contract", "contractor", "data" and "state contracting agency", have the same meanings as provided in section 4e-1 of the general statutes.
 - (b) Any contract between a state contracting agency and a contractor that is entered into, renewed or amended on or after October 1, 2019, shall contain a provision authorizing the state contracting agency to access any data concerning such agency that is in the possession or control of the contractor upon demand in a format prescribed by the agency at no additional cost to the agency.
- 77 Sec. 6. Section 2-90b of the general statutes is repealed and the 78 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
 - The Auditors of Public Accounts shall biennially conduct an audit of reimbursements made from the Bradley Enterprise Fund to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to cover the cost of Troop [W] H operations carried out in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between the Department of

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84 Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Department of 85 Transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	4-215
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	4-216(b)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2019	2-90(g)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2019	2-90(c)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 6	October 1, 2019	2-90b

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 5, subsection designators were added and "state agency" was changed to "state contracting agency" for accuracy.

GAE Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO