

# State of Tennessee

# **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 234**

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1112**

### By Representatives Vaughan, Lamberth, Williams, Todd, Hazlewood

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1150

# By Senators Johnson, Bowling, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4 and Title 50, Chapter 3, relative to requirements placed on contractors under public contracts.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:
  - (a) A county, municipality, or other local government entity, or department, board, or agency thereof, including a school or board of education, shall not require a prime contractor or remote contractor, as part of an improvement of real property, or a bid, proposal, or agreement relating to an improvement of real property, to:
    - (1) Obtain, gather, or disclose personnel information or data of the prime or remote contractor's employees, except to the extent required under federal or state law:
    - (2) Provide personnel information or data of the prime contractor or remote contractor's employees to a person or entity, except to the extent required by federal or state law;
    - (3) Adhere to safety and health standards in excess of that required under federal occupational health and safety act (OSHA) and Tennessee occupational health and safety act (TOSHA) rules and regulations;
    - (4) Provide access to a worksite to anyone who would not otherwise have a legal right to access the worksite under federal or state law;
    - (5) Provide access to personnel information or data of anyone furnishing labor or materials on a worksite to a third party, including a non-employee designee, unless:
      - (A) Otherwise required by federal or state law; or
      - (B) The third party is a certified public accountant retained by the government entity to conduct an overall audit of the prime contract for the improvement;
    - (6) Require written contracts or agreements for the provision of labor or materials furnished in furtherance of the improvement, unless otherwise required by federal or state law;
    - (7) Be responsible for another party's compliance with a written agreement relating to the improvement, except as otherwise required by federal or state law; or
    - (8) Offer direct employment to a temporary laborer or an employee regardless of the temporary laborer's or temporary employee's length of service.
  - (b) Unless otherwise required by federal or state law, an ordinance, rule, or policy adopted by a government entity listed in subsection (a) that attempts to prevent or restrict a prime contractor or remote contractor from bidding on or accepting a contract

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for the improvement of real property based on the contractor's failure or refusal to perform an act described in subsection (a), or that attempts to provide a preference to a contractor that is willing to perform such act, is void as against the public policy of this state.

(c) A government entity listed in subsection (a) shall only restrict a prime contractor or remote contractor from bidding, proposing, or accepting a contract or furnishing labor or material for an improvement to real property based upon a final finding or order that the prime contractor or remote contractor committed a willful violation of federal or state law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

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PASSED:	April 8, 2021

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2021

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR