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2 Introduced by Senators White and Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public property and supplies; state contracts; bids

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the commissioner of  
7 buildings and general services to compare bids for contracts based on whether  
8 bidders provide health care insurance, workers' compensation insurance,  
9 unemployment insurance, and other benefits to their employees.

10 An act relating to requiring accuracy in bid comparisons for state contracts

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 902(i) is added to read:

13 (i) Prior to performing the duties set forth in this section, the commissioner  
14 shall compare bids submitted for contracts and determine:

15 (A) whether a contractor provides health care insurance, workers'  
16 compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, and other benefits to its  
17 employees;

18 (B) whether a contractor intends to subcontract with a business that  
19 provides health care insurance, workers' compensation insurance,  
20 unemployment insurance, and other benefits to its employees;

1           (C) whether the state will ultimately bear the cost of providing health  
2           care insurance, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, or  
3           other benefits to the employees of a contractor or subcontractor who does not  
4           provide these benefits to its employees.