Existing law prohibits certain entities from procuring prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services.

Existing law requires vendors, prior to procurement of certain telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services, to provide documentation by affidavit that the equipment or services to be procured are not prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services.

New law requires vendors who supply prohibited equipment to replace the equipment with nonprohibited equipment at their own expense that is of at least equal quality.

New law provides that vendor documentation required in existing law is subject to audit by the office of the legislative auditor.

New law provides that violation of the provisions of existing law relative to procurement of telecommunication or video surveillance equipment can result in debarment or suspension.

Prior law defined "agency" as the boards, commissions, departments, agencies, offices, officers, and other instrumentalities, or any or all of these, within the executive branch of state government which are abolished by this Title or which are transferred and placed within departments of the state government created and established or continued by this Title or transferred to and placed within the office of the governor as provided by this Title.

New law defines "agency" as any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, committee, institution, agency, government corporation, or other establishment or official of the executive branch of state government or any parish, city, town, governmental body, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof, public authority, public educational, health, or other institution, and to the extent provided by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of supplies, services, major repairs, and construction.

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