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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 407

2016 Regular Session

Milkovich

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Requires publication of certain contracts and reports on the Internet by the division of administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and creates the Contract Services Joint Legislative Task Force which is authorized to study and make annual assessments of state contracts. (7/1/16)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Provides sunset of the Contract Services Joint Legislative Task Force (Task Force) on June 30, 2020.
2. Relative to reporting requirements for the state chief procurement officer, including annual reports, proposed law specifies the information that shall be contained in the annual report published by the division of administration and displayed on the website for public access.
3. Provides for reporting on certain contracts through Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Task Force

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Added state agency expenditure reporting and periodic audit requirements.
2. Added provisions creating the Contract Services Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) and provided for the duties and functions of the Subcommittee.
3. Restored "approval" requirement for JLCB relative to contract review provisions.
4. Expanded the scope of contracts subject to JLCB review and approval by including all means of financing and certain types of contracts.
5. Reduced the time required for JLCB to act on contracts subject to review from 30 days to 10 days.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make certain technical title corrections.
2. Provide for the reporting of certain professional, personal, and consulting service contracts through Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for reporting requirements for the state chief procurement officer, including annual reports.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that information on all contracts and the information contained in the annual report shall be published on the division of administration's website for access and ease of use.

Proposed law creates the Contract Services Joint Legislative Task Force (task force) which is authorized to study, review, and make assessments on contracts.

Proposed law provides that the task force shall be composed of four members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate president, and four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the House speaker.

Proposed law provides the task force shall meet no more than five days per fiscal year and may review all contracts for supplies, materials, services, major repairs, personal, professional, and other service contracts with an annual amount of \$50,000 or more. The task force may review the processes by which these contracts are negotiated, drafted, procured, and executed. Additionally, the task force may study any other contracts determined to be relevant to the mission of the task force.

Proposed law further states the Senate president shall appoint a senator to chair the first meeting until officers can be elected from among the task force membership at the first meeting, which shall take place no later than 30 days after the effective date of the Act, and that a quorum of task force members shall be needed to conduct business.

Proposed law further states the task force shall report annually to the Senate president, the House speaker, and the governor no later than 60 days before the regular session regarding any recommendations relative to any specific contracts or contract procedures that may require administrative action or may require legislative action.

Proposed law amends section of law which provides for the reporting of certain professional, personal, and consulting service contracts through Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of law relative to the Contract Services Joint Legislative Task Force shall become void on June 30, 2020.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 39:1590; adds R.S. 39:1567(B)(3) and (4) and (F))