

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 300

2026 Regular Session

Mizell

May 28, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 300 by Senator Mizell, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Berault (#5085) and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 12, 2026, be adopted.
- 2. That House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Deshotel (#5518) and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 12, 2026, be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 6, line 29, after "(4)" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"~~Auction techniques and~~ Insights gained during the negotiation process, including items of cost, may be used to refine a solution. However, disclosure of proprietary information"

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Beth Mizell

Representative Stephanie Berault

Senator Glen Womack

Representative Jack G. McFarland

Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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

PROCUREMENT CODE. Provides relative to the Louisiana procurement code. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Removed the prohibition on disclosure of confidential information derived from competing proposals while negotiations are underway.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Restrict the prohibition on disclosure of information derived from competing proposals during the negotiation process to proprietary information only.
2. Authorize insights gained during the negotiation process, including items of cost, to be used to refine a solution.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

DIGEST

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Present law establishes the La. Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551 et seq.) and information technology procurement provisions (R.S. 39:196 et seq.) to provide for procurement by public bodies, including provisions for procurement regulations, source selection for items to be purchased and methods for such purchases, bid procedures, types of contracts, specifications, contract modification, termination and contract clauses, legal and contractual remedies, administrative appeals, and cooperative purchasing.

Proposed law modifies the La. Procurement Code and information technology procurement as detailed below:

La. Procurement Code

Present law provides a definition of "invitation to negotiate" and lists contract types eligible to use the procurement method. Proposed law adds fiscal intermediary services to this list and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for a definition of "using agency". Proposed law expands the definition to include state entities that utilize professional, personal, consulting, or social services purchased utilizing the La. Procurement Code.

Present law requires local advertisement on invitations to bid for services located in a particular locale. Proposed law removes this requirement.

Present law authorizes contracts for required supplies, services, or major repairs to be awarded without competition under certain circumstances. Proposed law expands

authorization to consulting service and social service contracts and corrects terminology to conform with present law definitions.

Present law prohibits auction techniques and disclosure of information derived from competing proposals while negotiations are underway.

Proposed law authorizes insights gained during the negotiation process, including items of cost, to be used to refine a solution. Prohibits disclosure of proprietary information derived from competing proposals during the negotiation process.

Proposed law requires certification for invitations to bid that vendors do not engage in boycotts of Israel.

Proposed law expands the definition of "social service contacts" to include support staff.

Present law provides a procedure for contract controversies, establishing the commissioner of administration's decision to be made executory by the 19th JDC. Proposed law clarifies the court's jurisdiction as only appellate in nature in matters of contract controversies on which the commissioner has rendered a decision.

Present law provides time constraints under which various actions can be commenced on contract controversies and protests. Proposed law provides additional timelines and procedures for petitions of judicial review on actions commenced in the 19th JDC by or against the state in connection with contracts.

Information Technology Procurement

Present law provides for definitions related to the procurement of information technology.

Present law provides a definition of "invitation to negotiate" and lists contract types eligible to use the procurement method. Proposed law adds fiscal intermediary services to this list and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for a definition of "related services" relative to the procurement of technology. Proposed law removes present law.

Present law provides for a process of review and approval of various types of information technology procurement. Proposed law removes negotiation, review, and recommendation by the procurement support team from this process.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:197(13) and (19)-(21), 198(E)(2), (H)(1)(c), (J)(intro para), (J)(1)(d), 199(D)(4), 200(K), 1556(31) and (62), 1594(C)(3), 1597, 1600.2(C)(4), 1602.1(C)(2), 1606(B) (intro para), 1619(A)(1)(i), 1630, and 1691(A); adds R.S. 39:1600.2(G), 1619(A)(2)(k), (3)(h), (4)(f), and (5)(d), 1685(F), and 1692(D)-(G); repeals R.S. 39:197(22))