

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2398

As of February 18, 2016

Title: An act relating to clarifying current requirements for public purchases of goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind.

Brief Description: Clarifying current requirements for public purchases of goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind.

Sponsors: Representatives Holy, Riccelli, Appleton, Haler, Stokesbary, Ormsby, Parker, Santos and S. Hunt.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/16/16, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Security: 2/22/16.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

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Background: State agencies, as well as counties, cities, and other political subdivisions; must purchase goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind whenever possible. To qualify, nonprofit agencies for the blind must be located in-state and must manufacture or distribute blind-made products. The goods and services must be equal in quality and price to those available from other sources.

In 2011, laws were enacted consolidating procurement functions of the Department of General Administration, the Department of Information Services, and the Office of Financial Management into the newly-created Department of Enterprise Services (DES). DES was tasked with implementing the reform and consolidation of state procurement practices and providing a report to the Governor with procurement reform recommendations by December 31, 2011.

Legislation reflecting these recommendations was enacted in 2012. DES oversees state procurement of goods and services. DES adopted uniform policies and procedures and provides training on best practices for state procurement.

Summary of Bill: References to the law relating to the purchase of blind-made goods and services are added to the procurement statutes.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.