

HOUSE BILL NO. 4831

August 28, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Lightner and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
by amending section 261 (MCL 18.1261), as amended by 2017 PA 21.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 261. (1) The department shall provide for the purchase
2 of, the contracting for, and the providing of supplies, materials,
3 services, insurance, utilities, third party financing, equipment,
4 printing, and all other items as needed by state agencies for which
5 the legislature has not otherwise expressly provided. If consistent
6 with federal statutes, in all purchases made by the department, all



1 other things being equal, preference shall be given to products
2 manufactured or services offered by Michigan-based firms or by
3 facilities with respect to which the operator is designated as a
4 clean corporate citizen under part 14 of the natural resources and
5 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.1401 to
6 324.1429, or to biobased products whose content is sourced in this
7 state. The department shall solicit competitive bids from the
8 private sector whenever practicable to efficiently and effectively
9 meet the state's needs. The department shall first determine that
10 competitive solicitation of bids in the private sector is not
11 appropriate before using any other procurement method for an
12 acquisition.

13 (2) The department shall make all discretionary decisions
14 concerning the solicitation, award, amendment, cancellation, and
15 appeal of state contracts.

16 (3) The department shall utilize competitive solicitation for
17 all purchases authorized under this act unless 1 or more of the
18 following apply:

19 (a) Procurement of goods or services is necessary for the
20 imminent protection of public health or safety or to mitigate an
21 imminent threat to public health or safety, as determined by the
22 director or his or her designated representative.

23 (b) Procurement of goods or services is for emergency repair
24 or construction caused by unforeseen circumstances when the repair
25 or construction is necessary to protect life or property.

26 (c) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a
27 declared state of emergency or state of disaster under the
28 emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 to 30.421.

29 (d) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a



1 declared state of emergency under 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33.

2 (e) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a
3 declared state of energy emergency under 1982 PA 191, MCL 10.81 to
4 10.89.

5 (f) Procurement of goods or services is within a state
6 agency's purchasing authority delegated under subsection (4), and
7 the state agency has established policies or procedures approved by
8 the department to ensure that goods or services are purchased by
9 the state agency at fair and reasonable prices.

10 (4) The department may delegate its procurement authority to
11 other state agencies within dollar limitations and for designated
12 types of procurements. The department may withdraw delegated
13 authority upon a finding that a state agency did not comply with
14 departmental procurement directives. **If a state agency has the**
15 **department's procurement authority delegated to it under this**
16 **subsection and if it chooses to exercise an option under an**
17 **existing procurement contract to continue that procurement**
18 **contract, before exercising that option, the state agency shall**
19 **first obtain written approval from the department that exercising**
20 **the option is in the best interest of this state. If the department**
21 **approved the exercising of an option under the immediately**
22 **preceding sentence, the state agency shall exercise that option for**
23 **the shortest term allowed under that procurement contract as**
24 **determined by the department.**

25 (5) The department may enter into lease purchases or
26 installment purchases for periods not exceeding the anticipated
27 useful life of the items purchased unless otherwise prohibited by
28 law.

29 (6) The department shall issue directives for the procurement,



1 receipt, inspection, and storage of supplies, materials, and
2 equipment, and for printing and services needed by state agencies.
3 The department shall provide standard specifications and standards
4 of performance applicable to purchases.

5 (7) The department may enter into a cooperative purchasing
6 agreement with 1 or more other states or public entities for the
7 purchase of goods, including, but not limited to, recycled goods,
8 and services necessary for state programs.

9 (8) In awarding a contract under this section, the department
10 shall give a preference of up to 10% of the amount of the contract
11 to a qualified disabled veteran. If the qualified disabled veteran
12 otherwise meets the requirements of the contract solicitation and
13 with the preference is the lowest bidder, the department shall
14 enter into a procurement contract with the qualified disabled
15 veteran under this act. If 2 or more qualified disabled veterans
16 are the lowest bidders on a contract, all other things being equal,
17 the qualified disabled veteran with the lowest bid shall be awarded
18 the contract under this act.

19 (9) It is the goal of the department to award each year not
20 less than 5% of its total expenditures for construction, goods, and
21 services to qualified disabled veterans. The department may count
22 toward its 5% yearly goal described in this subsection that portion
23 of all procurement contracts in which the business entity that
24 received the procurement contract subcontracts with a qualified
25 disabled veteran. Each year, the department shall report to each
26 house of the legislature on all of the following for the
27 immediately preceding 12-month period:

28 (a) The number of qualified disabled veterans who submitted a
29 bid for a state procurement contract.



1 (b) The number of qualified disabled veterans who entered into
2 procurement contracts with this state and the total value of those
3 procurement contracts.

4 (c) Whether the department achieved the goal described in this
5 subsection.

6 (d) The recommendations described in subsection (10).

7 (10) Each year, the department shall review the progress of
8 all state agencies in meeting the 5% goal with input from statewide
9 veterans service organizations and from the business community,
10 including businesses owned by qualified disabled veterans, and
11 shall make recommendations to each house of the legislature
12 regarding continuation, increases, or decreases in the percentage
13 goal. The recommendations shall be based upon the number of
14 businesses that are owned by qualified disabled veterans and on the
15 continued need to encourage and promote businesses owned by
16 qualified disabled veterans.

17 (11) To assist the department in reaching the goal described
18 in subsection (9), the governor shall recommend to the legislature
19 changes in programs to assist businesses owned by qualified
20 disabled veterans.

21 (12) Beginning October 1, 2017, the department and all state
22 agencies may not enter into a contract with a person to acquire or
23 dispose of supplies, services, or information technology unless the
24 contract includes a representation that the person is not currently
25 engaged in, and an agreement that the person will not engage in,
26 the boycott of a person based in or doing business with a strategic
27 partner.

28 (13) The following records are exempt from disclosure under
29 the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246,



1 as provided in this subsection:

2 (a) A bid, quote, or proposal submitted in connection with the
3 authority granted under this section, and records created in the
4 preparation for and evaluation of the bid, quote, or proposal until
5 the time of final notification of award of the contract.

6 (b) Records containing a trade secret as defined under section
7 2 of the uniform trade secrets act, 1998 PA 448, MCL 445.1902, or
8 financial or proprietary information submitted in connection with
9 the authority granted under this section.

10 (14) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Biobased product" means a product granted the United
12 States Department of Agriculture certified biobased product label.

13 (b) "Boycott" means refusal to have dealings with, divest
14 from, or otherwise engage with a person. Boycott does not include 1
15 or more of the following:

16 (i) A decision based on bona fide business or economic reasons.

17 (ii) A boycott against a public entity of a foreign state when
18 the boycott is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner.

19 (iii) Conduct necessary to comply with applicable law in the
20 person's home jurisdiction.

21 (c) "Financial or proprietary information" means information
22 that has not been publicly disseminated or which is unavailable
23 from other sources, the release of which might cause the submitter
24 of the information competitive harm.

25 (d) "Person" means any of the following:

26 (i) An individual, corporation, company, limited liability
27 company, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any
28 other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group.

29 (ii) Any governmental entity or agency of a government.



1 (iii) Any successor, subunit, parent company, or subsidiary of,
2 or company under common ownership or control with, any entity
3 described in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

4 (e) "Qualified disabled veteran" means a business entity that
5 is 51% or more owned by 1 or more veterans with a service-connected
6 disability.

7 (f) "Service-connected disability" means a disability incurred
8 or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval, or
9 air service as described in 38 USC 101(16).

10 (g) "Strategic partner" means a strategic partner described in
11 22 USC 8601 to 8606.

12 (h) "Veteran" means an individual who meets both of the
13 following:

14 (i) Is a veteran as defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL
15 35.61.

16 (ii) Was released from his or her service with an honorable or
17 general discharge.

