

Chapter 65

(Senate Bill 342)

AN ACT concerning

**State Finance and Procurement – Public Senior Higher Education Institutions
– Policies Concerning Procurement Contracts**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain policies of public senior higher education institutions promote certain purposes and be similar to certain provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts; and generally relating to public senior higher education institutions and the application of certain policies concerning procurement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

11–203.

(e) (1) In this subsection, “University” means the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, this Division II does not apply to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

(3) (i) A procurement by a University shall comply with the policies and procedures developed by the University and approved by the Board of Public Works and the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee of the General Assembly in accordance with § 12–112 of the Education Article for the University System of Maryland, § 14–109 of the Education Article for Morgan State University, or § 14–405(f) of the Education Article for St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

(ii) 1. The review and approval of the Board of Public Works shall be required for the following types of contracts with a value that exceeds \$1,000,000:

A. capital improvements;

B. services; and

C. dispositions of personal property subject to § 10–305 of this article, except for dispositions of personal property that was purchased with the proceeds of a general obligation loan.

2. In its review of a contract for services or capital improvements with a value that exceeds \$1,000,000, the Board of Public Works may request the comments of the appropriate agencies, including the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services.

(4) A University's policies shall:

(i) to the maximum extent practicable, require the purchasing of supplies and services in accordance with Title 14, Subtitle 1 of this article; [and]

(ii) promote the purposes of the regulations adopted by the Department of General Services governing the procurement of architectural and engineering services;

(III) PROMOTE THE PURPOSES OF § 13–402 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE; AND

(IV) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE SIMILAR TO § 13–218.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(5) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, the following provisions of Division II of this article apply to a University:

1. § 11–205 of this subtitle (“Collusion”);
2. § 11–205.1 of this subtitle (“Falsification, concealment, etc., of material facts”);
3. § 13–219 of this article (“Required clauses — Nondiscrimination clause”);
4. § 13–225 of this article (“Retainage”);
5. Title 14, Subtitle 3 of this article (“Minority Business Participation”);
6. Title 15, Subtitle 1 of this article (“Procurement Contract Administration”);

7. § 15–226 of this article (“Policy established; timing of payments; notice upon nonpayment; disputes; appeals”); and

8. Title 16 of this article (“Suspension and Debarment of Contractors”).

(ii) If a procurement violates the provisions of this subsection or policies adopted in accordance with this subsection, the procurement contract is void or voidable in accordance with the provisions of § 11–204 of this subtitle.

(6) (i) The State Board of Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement contracts awarded by:

1. the University System of Maryland before July 1, 1999;
and

2. Morgan State University before July 1, 2004.

(ii) At the election of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State Board of Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement contracts awarded by the University after June 30, 1999.

(iii) At the election of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State Board of Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement contracts awarded by the University after June 30, 2004.

(iv) At the election of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the State Board of Contract Appeals shall have authority over contract claims related to procurement contracts awarded by St. Mary’s College of Maryland after June 30, 2006.

(7) Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection do not apply to:

(i) procurement by a University from:

1. another unit;
2. a political subdivision of the State;
3. an agency of a political subdivision of the State;
4. a government, including the government of another state, of the United States, or of another country;

5. an agency or political subdivision of a government; or
 6. a bistate, multistate, bicounty, or multicounty governmental agency;
- (ii) procurement by a University in support of enterprise activities for the purpose of:
1. direct resale;
 2. remanufacture and subsequent resale; or
 3. procurement by the University for overseas programs; or
- (iii) procurement by the University System of Maryland for:
1. services of managers to invest, in accordance with the management and investment policies adopted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, gift and endowment assets received by the University System of Maryland in accordance with § 12–104(e) of the Education Article; or
 2. expenditures to manage, maintain, and enhance, in accordance with the management and investment policies adopted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, the value of gift and endowment assets received by the University System of Maryland in accordance with § 12–104(e) of the Education Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.