

# HOUSE BILL 846

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By: **Delegate Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**  
3 **and the Employment Works Program – Staff**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to provide staff for the  
5 Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and  
6 the Employment Works Program; and generally relating to the Pricing and Selection  
7 Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment  
8 Works Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
11 Section 14–106  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

17 14–106.

18 (a) In this section, “Committee” means the Pricing and Selection Committee for  
19 Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program.

20 (b) There is a Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services  
21 of Maryland and the Employment Works Program.

22 (c) The Committee consists of the following 5 members:

23 (1) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) the Secretary of General Services or a designee;
- 2 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a designee;
- 3 (4) the Assistant Secretary for Vocational Rehabilitation within the State  
4 Department of Education or a designee; and
- 5 (5) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or a designee.

6 (d) A member of the Committee:

- 7 (1) may not receive compensation; but
- 8 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
9 Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

10 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR**  
11 **THE COMMITTEE.**

12 **[(e)] (F)** The Committee shall:

- 13 (1) ensure that supplies and services provided by Blind Industries and  
14 Services of Maryland or a community service provider create work opportunities for  
15 individuals who have a mental or physical disability, including blindness, for which Blind  
16 Industries and Services of Maryland or the community service provider was established to  
17 assist;
- 18 (2) set the prices of supplies and services that Blind Industries and  
19 Services of Maryland provides to reflect the fair market prices for the supplies and services;
- 20 (3) establish procedures to govern procurement of supplies and services  
21 from community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses;
- 22 (4) from the State procurement list, choose appropriate supplies and  
23 services for community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses  
24 to offer for procurement;
- 25 (5) provide that the State procure those supplies and services from a  
26 community service provider or an individual with disability owned business;
- 27 (6) if supplies or services are not available for procurement from a unit of  
28 the State government, determine whether supplies or services are available from a  
29 community service provider or an individual with disability owned business;
- 30 (7) determine the fair market price of supplies and services that  
31 community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses provide;

1                   (8)     in accordance with market conditions, adjust prices for the supplies and  
2 services that community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses  
3 provide; and

4                   (9)     at the request of a community service provider or an individual with  
5 disability owned business, review and, if appropriate, change the price of a supply or  
6 service.

7           **[(f)] (G)**     In addition to the duties specified under subsection **[(e)](F)** of this  
8 section, the Committee shall:

9                   (1)     establish and periodically review eligibility policies or guidelines for  
10 participating community service providers and individual with disability owned  
11 businesses;

12                   (2)     maintain a current list of community service providers and individual  
13 with disability owned businesses;

14                   (3)     periodically review and revise its list of community service providers  
15 and individual with disability owned businesses; and

16                   (4)     send any revised list to the Secretary of General Services who shall  
17 make the list available to each person responsible for buying supplies or services for the  
18 State or a State aided or controlled entity.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2017.