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BILL: **House Bill 780**
Competitive Sealed Proposals - Private Security Contracts

COMMITTEE: House and Government Operations Committee

DATE: February 20, 2024

POSITION: **Letter of Concern**

Upon review of House Bill 780 - Competitive Sealed Proposals - Private Security Contracts, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for your consideration.

This bill requires competitive sealed proposals to be used as the procurement method for private security contracts. This proposed legislation restricts the procurement officer's ability to determine the best procurement method to use for these contracts. Since the legislation requires the use of Competitive Sealed Proposals, which are required to be handled by Procurement Officer III or higher, additional Procurement Officers III or higher may be required to support this requirement. Currently, there is a backlog of procurements for these Procurement Officers to handle; therefore, any increase in workload will require additional resources.

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