

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1244

(Carroll County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Carroll County - Public Notice of County Contracts and Purchases**

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This bill authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing in Carroll County, upon the approval of the county commissioners, to participate in cooperative or piggyback purchasing with other governmental agencies or associations provided public notice for the bid is in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the soliciting agency or association.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. This bill codifies existing practice in Carroll County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There is no provision of law authorizing the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing of Carroll County to participate in cooperative or piggyback purchasing with other governmental agencies or associations. In Carroll County when the cost of any project for public work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies and equipment exceeds \$25,000, except in emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing must advertise for at least one week in one or more newspapers circulated in Carroll County for bids to perform the public work or improvement or to furnish the supplies and equipment.

**Background:** Carroll County advises that they will continue to advertise contracts and purchases in newspapers. Carroll County advises that they have participated in cooperative and piggyback purchasing with other governmental organizations.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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