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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 925 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

State Finance and Procurement - Preferences - Higher Calcium Products

This bill provides that, beginning October 1, 2003, all State agencies that purchase food and beverages to be processed and served in a building or room operated by a State or local agency must give preference to food and beverage products that contain a higher level of calcium and are of equal or lower price than products of the same type and quality. If the director of a State medical facility determines that the use of a higher calcium product would interfere with the medical treatment of a patient, the medical facility is not required to purchase the higher calcium product for the patient.

The bill is effective October 1, 2002 and may not be construed to apply to any procurement agreement entered into on or before October 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

State Expenditures: Because the preference is only applicable for products that have a higher calcium level *and* are equal or lower in price, there would be no increase in expenditures. Some State agencies may have a minimal increase in storage costs associated with the need to purchase products with and without higher calcium levels, but any increase should be absorbable within existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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