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House Bill 547

(Delegate Sophocleus, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Procurement - Exceptions - Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration

This bill would exempt procurements by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) for services that directly benefit individuals with disabilities in community-based programs from most provisions of State procurement law and regulations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not directly affect government finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill exempts procurements by DDA for services that directly benefit individuals with disabilities in community-based programs from the provisions of procurement law governing source selection for procurements, preferences (including minority, disadvantaged individuals, and small business preferences), contract administration, and dispute resolution.

The procurements for these goods and services would still be required to comply with certain provisions of procurement law including the provisions relating to the supervision of capital expenditures and real property leases, suspension and disbarment of contractors, and special provisions for State and local subdivisions.

The bill would be applicable to service contracts with community-based providers.

Background: In conjunction with the Waiting List Initiative, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has delegated as much procurement authority as possible to DDA, and the Board of Public Works (BPW) has permitted DDA to report every six months on its procurement actions related to community-based providers, rather than report prior to each action. Purchases of goods and services for the four State residential centers do not have this delegated authority.

State Fiscal Effect: The bill would have no impact on the procurement of contracts with community-based providers given the level of authority already delegated by DBM and BPW.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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