

**Department of Legislative Services**

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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

**Revised**

Senate Bill 492

(Senator Pipkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

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**Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement**

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This bill establishes a 21-member Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement to study methods of increasing efficiency in procurement, including: (1) the use of market-based procurement practices; (2) outsourcing and privatization; (3) the use of contracts where compensation is based on successful performance; (4) the accountability of State officials who violate procurement law; (5) rewards and incentives to State officials in order to encourage better procurement results, including the procurement of environmentally preferable products; (6) greater centralization of the procurement system; and (7) the effectiveness of the dispute resolution process; and (8) except for public institutions of higher education, the State's current policy and practices concerning the procurement of information management systems and other technology and technology-related services, including the technology procurement process, technology procurement administration, and the development of the technology industry in the State.

The Department of Legislative Services and the Office of the Attorney General will staff the task force.

The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2003.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2003 and terminates December 31, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services and the Office of the Attorney General are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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