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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 324

(Garrett County Delegation)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - Procurement - Contracts**

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This bill permits the county commissioners of Garrett County to purchase goods or services through a contract that has been entered into by a vendor and a government organization that does not participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement in which Garrett County is a member. Government organizations are defined as: (1) a county; (2) a board of education; (3) a municipal corporation; and (4) a government cooperative purchasing organization.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect State government operations.

**Local Effect:** Potential decrease in administrative and procurement costs.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Garrett County may enter into contracts with counties, boards of education, and municipal corporations that are members of cooperative purchasing agreements of which the county is also a member.

**Local Expenditures:** To the extent that Garrett County is able to utilize other procurement tools that already have an administrative structure in place, county administrative expenditures on procurements would decrease. Also, to the extent that Garrett County is able to find more advantageous price options for materials, supplies,

and equipment through other counties, boards of education, and municipal corporations, county expenditures for materials, supplies, and equipment would decrease.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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