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Senate Bill 182 (Chairman, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee)
(By Request – Departmental – Minority Affairs, Office of)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Health and Government Operations

State Finance and Procurement - Procurement Advisory Council - Membership

This departmental bill increases, from 9 to 10, the number of voting members of the Procurement Advisory Council by adding the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: The Procurement Advisory Council is comprised of nine members: the State Treasurer; the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland; the Secretaries of Budget and Management, General Services, Transportation, and the Board of Public Works; a local government representative; and two public representatives.

Background: The Procurement Advisory Council is charged with improving the procurement system through implementing advanced techniques, improving

communications between State units, addressing procurement problems, as well as reviewing and implementing procurement regulations.

The Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs is the chair of the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs, which reviews proposals to promote minority businesses in Maryland. The Special Secretary is also charged with the oversight of implementing race-neutral solutions for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation, such as the Small Business Reserve Program. Finally, the Special Secretary is required to ensure that existing and new procurement regulations support MBE participation, or do not discourage MBE participation.

The Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs has been a nonvoting member of the Procurement Advisory Council for the past two years.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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