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House Bill 527

(Delegate Reznik, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance and Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs

**Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State
Agencies**

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State Agencies, staffed by the departments represented on the task force. The task force must report its preliminary findings and recommendations by November 30, 2008 and its final findings and recommendations by November 30, 2009.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008 and terminates June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force has to

- evaluate and make recommendations regarding the methods used by State agencies to procure the delivery of health and social services;
- examine and make recommendations regarding State agencies' timeliness in preparing and issuing specified reports and in making payments to contractors;
- examine and make recommendations regarding possible standardization of contracting processes; and
- identify and make recommendations regarding other issues affecting the efficiency and

cost of procuring health and social services. In conducting its work, the task force has to consider • the effect of procurement processes on quality and continuity of services; • the costs and benefits of existing procurement procedures; and • the effects of procurement requirements on the number and diversity of potential providers of services contracted by the State.

Background: Many health and social service procurements have either been exempted from procurement laws or allowed to be handled through a noncompetitive negotiated award process.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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