

Chapter 213

(House Bill 217)

AN ACT concerning

Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services

FOR the purpose of establishing the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to advise the Board of Public Works on a certain task force report and make certain recommendations for the procurement process for health, educational, and social services; requiring the Council to report its activities and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–101(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

11–101.

(a) In this Division II the following words have the meanings indicated unless:

- (1) the context clearly requires a different meaning; or
 - (2) a different definition is provided for a particular title or provision.
- (d) “Board” means the Board of Public Works.

12-110.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

(3) “HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES” MEANS SERVICES PROCURED TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING:

(I) SUPPORT, CARE, OR SHELTER TO THIRD-PARTY CLIENTS UNDER A CONTRACT; OR

(II) TRAINING TO THIRD-PARTY CLIENTS UNDER A CONTRACT.

(4) “TASK FORCE REPORT” MEANS THE REPORT ENTITLED “TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES” THAT WAS ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 30, 2011, BY THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES.

(B) THERE IS A COUNCIL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

(C) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ~~21~~ MEMBERS:

(I) THE STATE TREASURER;

(II) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

(III) THE PROCUREMENT ADVISOR;

(IV) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS;

(V) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;

(VI) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES;

(VII) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES;

(VIII) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

~~(IX) THE SECRETARY OF AGING;~~

~~(X) THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;~~

~~(XI) (IX) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE;~~

~~(XII) (X) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;~~

~~(XIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES;~~

~~(XIV) (XI) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN;~~

~~(XV) (XII) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS;~~

~~(XVI) (XIII) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING HUMAN SERVICES FUNDED BY CONTRACTS OR GRANTS THROUGH STATE UNITS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;~~

~~(XVII) (XIV) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND~~

~~(XVIII) (XV) A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.~~

(2) (I) IF THE STATE TREASURER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, THE TREASURER MAY DESIGNATE A DEPUTY TREASURER TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

(II) IF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) THROUGH ~~(XVI) (XII)~~ (XII) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, THE MEMBER MAY DESIGNATE THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR ANOTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF MEMBER OF THE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

(D) THE PROCUREMENT ADVISOR IS THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

(E) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR.

(F) THE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE SHARED BY:

(1) THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL; AND

(2) ADDITIONAL STAFF THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) ADVISE THE BOARD ON SPECIFIC STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE REPORT;

(2) MONITOR AND REPORT TO THE BOARD THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TASK FORCE REPORT;

(3) ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKING COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO ADDRESS OR STUDY SPECIFIC ISSUES;

(4) WITH REGARD TO THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

(I) EFFECT AND ENHANCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE UNITS ON PROCUREMENT MATTERS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVANCES IN PROCUREMENT METHODS AND MANAGEMENT;

(II) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT ARISE;

(III) ADVISE THE BOARD ON PROBLEMS IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS; AND

(IV) REVIEW EXISTING PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY FULFILL THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE LAW, ESPECIALLY AS THE LAW RELATES TO FOSTERING BROAD-BASED COMPETITION AND MAKING EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

(5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.