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Senate Bill 995

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environment and Transportation

Carroll County - Contracts and Purchases

This bill raises the threshold, from \$25,000 to \$35,000, for the value of contracts for public works, supplies, and equipment below which the County Commissioners of Carroll County can enter into contracts without first giving public notice. The county commissioners must post a notice of the award of any contract valued at more than \$35,000 on the county government website, including the dollar value of the contract.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains only to Carroll County.

Local Effect: The bill is procedural in nature and has no material effect on governmental finances in Carroll County.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Carroll County, the county commissioners can enter into a contract for a public work or improvement, supplies, and equipment only on an order passed by the county commissioners if the value of the contract does not exceed \$25,000.

If the value of the contract exceeds \$25,000, except in emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the county must provide public notice, as specified. The public notice must state the date, time, and place of opening of the bids.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 610 (Carroll County Delegation) - Environment and Transportation.

Information Source(s): Carroll County; Department of Legislative Services

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