

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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Senate Bill 451

(Senators Griffith and Hester)

Budget and Taxation

Health and Government Operations

Procurement Improvement Council - Membership and Duties

This bill adds the Comptroller and the Attorney General as members of the Procurement Improvement Council (PIC) and authorizes the Comptroller and the Attorney General to each send a designee to PIC if they are unable to attend. The bill also specifies that, among its other responsibilities, PIC must provide a forum for the discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in State procurement contracts.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: PIC was established by Chapter 590 of 2017 as the successor to the Procurement Advisory Council. It has 20 members representing State agencies, local government, the Maryland General Assembly, minority-owned businesses, and the general public, and is chaired by the Chief Procurement Officer for the State. Statute assigns numerous responsibilities to PIC, among them ensuring that the State's procurement system is utilizing the most advanced procurement methods and management techniques as well as advising and making recommendations to the Board of Public Works and the General Assembly on improving the State's procurement process. PIC must meet at least quarterly each year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 429 (Delegate Charles, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

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