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House Bill 1519 (Delegate Kerr)
Health and Government Operations

Procurement - University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland

This bill requires the Board of Public Works (BPW) to review and approve contracts by public four-year institutions of higher education that are for capital improvements and services and are valued at more than \$1.0 million *only if* the contracts are State-funded (instead of all such contracts). It also allows the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland (USM) to amend its previously approved procurement policies and procedures without the approval of BPW or the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee. USM must notify BPW and the AELR Committee after making any such amendments.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No direct effect on State finances, but USM and other public four-year institutions of higher education may experience administrative efficiencies as a result of the bill. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In general, USM, St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM), and Morgan State University (MSU) are exempt from most provisions of State procurement law. However, each of the institutions must develop policies and procedures governing their procurements that must promote the purposes of State procurement law. Their

respective procurement policies and procedures, as well as amendments to them, are subject to review and approval by BPW and the AELR Committee.

For USM, SMCM, and MSU, any contracts for capital improvements and services with a value that exceeds \$1.0 million are subject to review and approval by BPW. In its review of such contracts, BPW may request comments of appropriate agencies, including the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 1179 (Senator Jackson) - Rules.

Information Source(s): Board of Public Works; Department of General Services; Department of Budget and Management; Morgan State University; St. Mary's College of Maryland; University System of Maryland; Department of Legislative Services

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