

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides for a 10% reduction of all state professional, personal, and consulting service contracts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart G of Part I of Chapter 16 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the Louisiana  
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:1493.11, and R.S.  
4 39:1498(A)(10), relative to professional, personal, and consulting services  
5 procurement; to require a reduction in the dollar amount of certain professional,  
6 personal, and consulting service contracts; to provide for the submission of periodic  
7 reports; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain determinations before  
8 contract approval; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Subpart G of Part I of Chapter 16 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the  
11 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1493.11, and R.S. 39:1498(A)(10)  
12 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 SUBPART G. REDUCTION OF CONTRACTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

14 §1493.11. Reduction of contracts for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

15 A.(1) The total dollar amount for professional, personal, and consulting  
16 service contracts under the jurisdiction of the office of contractual review for Fiscal  
17 Year 2013-2014 shall be reduced by no less than ten percent of the total dollar  
18 amount for such contracts for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

1           (2) The office of contractual review shall submit reports on the status of the  
2           implementation of this Section to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on  
3           October 1, 2013, January 1, 2014, April 1, 2014, and July 1, 2014.

4           B. The office of contractual review shall not approve any contract if such  
5           approval would increase the total dollar amount of contracts as required in  
6           Subsection A of this Section, unless such contract meets all of the following criteria:

7                     (1) Either no employee of the contracting department or agency is both  
8                     competent and available to perform the services called for by the proposed contract  
9                     or the services called for are not the type readily susceptible to being performed by  
10                    persons who are employed by the state on a continuing basis.

11                    (2) The services are not available as a product of a prior or existing contract.

12                    (3) The contracting department or agency has submitted to the office of  
13                    contractual review a written plan to monitor and evaluate the performance called for  
14                    in the proposed contract.

15                    (4) It is more cost effective to obtain the proposed services through the  
16                    contract than to have the services provided by the contracting department or agency  
17                    if the department or agency can provide the services or by agreement with another  
18                    state department or agency.

19                    (5) The commissioner of administration determines that the proposed  
20                    contract represents a priority expenditure for Louisiana state government.

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22           §1498. Approval of contract; penalties

23                    A. Before approving a proposed contract for professional, personal,  
24                    consulting, or social services, the director of the office of contractual review or an  
25                    assistant shall have determined that:

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27                    (10) A contract for professional, personal, or consulting services is not  
28                    awarded to any entity for which an appropriation was enacted through a line item  
29                    appropriation in the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year in which the

1 contract is proposed, and was subsequently vetoed by the governor, for such amount  
 2 or services as contained in the appropriation. If the office of contractual review  
 3 determines that a contract in the amount and for such services as were contained in  
 4 the vetoed appropriation is proposed, the office shall not approve such contract  
 5 without prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

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7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the governor  
 8 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 9 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a 10% reduction in the total dollar amount for professional, personal, and consulting service contracts under the jurisdiction of the office of contractual review for FY 2013-2014.

Proposed law requires a 10% reduction in the total dollar amount for professional, personal, and consulting service contracts under the jurisdiction of the office of contractual review for FY 2013-2014.

Proposed law requires the office of contractual review to submit reports on the status of the implementation of proposed law to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on Oct. 1, 2013, Jan. 1, 2014, April 1, 2014, and July 1, 2014.

Proposed law prohibits the office of contractual review from approving any contract if such approval would increase the total dollar amount of contracts above the reduction required in proposed law, unless such contract meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Either no employee of the contracting department or agency is both competent and available to perform the services called for by the proposed contract or the services called for are not the type readily susceptible to being performed by persons who are employed by the state on a continuing basis.
- (2) The services are not available as a product of a prior or existing contract.
- (3) The contracting department or agency has submitted to the office of contractual review a written plan to monitor and evaluate the performance called for in the proposed contract.
- (4) It is more cost effective to obtain the proposed services through the contract than to have the services provided by the contracting department or agency if the department or agency can provide the services or by agreement with another state department or agency.

- (5) The commissioner of administration determines that the proposed contract represents a priority expenditure for La. state government.

Present law provides for certain determinations by the director of the office of contractual review prior to the approval of proposed contracts.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that before approval, the director of the office of contractual review shall determine that a contract for professional, personal, or consulting services is not awarded to any entity for which an appropriation was enacted through a line item appropriation in the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year in which the contract is proposed, and subsequently vetoed by the governor, for such amount or services as contained in the appropriation. Proposed law further provides that if the office of contractual review determines that a contract in the amount and for such services as were contained in the vetoed appropriation is proposed, the office shall not approve such contract without prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 39:1493.11 and 1498(A)(10))