

SENATE BILL No. 983

January 24, 2006, Introduced by Senators TOY, GEORGE, CROPSEY, KUIPERS, BISHOP, BIRKHOLZ, HARDIMAN, McMANUS, BROWN, ALLEN and CASSIS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
by amending section 261 (MCL 18.1261), as amended by 1993 PA 46.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 261. (1) The department shall provide for the purchase
2 of, the contracting for, and the providing of supplies, materials,
3 services, insurance, utilities, third party financing, equipment,
4 printing, and all other items as needed by state agencies for which
5 the legislature has not otherwise expressly provided. In all
6 purchases made by the department, all other things being equal,
7 preference shall be given to products manufactured or services
8 offered by Michigan-based firms, if consistent with federal
9 statutes. The department shall solicit competitive bids from the

1 private sector whenever practicable to efficiently and effectively
2 meet the state's needs. The department shall first determine that
3 competitive solicitation of bids in the private sector is not
4 appropriate before it shall use any other procurement method for an
5 acquisition.

6 (2) The department shall make all discretionary decisions
7 concerning the solicitation, award, amendment, cancellation, and
8 appeal of state contracts.

9 (3) The department shall utilize competitive bidding for all
10 purchases authorized pursuant to subsection (1) unless the
11 department has determined that another procurement method is in the
12 state's best interests.

13 (4) The department may delegate its procurement authority to
14 other state agencies within dollar limitations and for designated
15 types of procurements. The department may withdraw delegated
16 authority upon a finding that a state agency did not comply with
17 departmental procurement directives.

18 (5) The department may enter into lease purchases or
19 installment purchases for periods not exceeding the anticipated
20 useful life of the items purchased unless otherwise prohibited by
21 law.

22 (6) The department shall issue directives for the procurement,
23 receipt, inspection, and storage of supplies, materials, and
24 equipment, and for printing and services needed by state agencies.
25 The department shall provide standard specifications and standards
26 of performance applicable to purchases.

27 (7) The department may enter into a cooperative purchasing

1 agreement with 1 or more other states or public entities for the
2 purchase of goods, including, but not limited to, recycled goods,
3 and services necessary for state programs.

4 (8) IN AWARDING A CONTRACT UNDER THIS SECTION, ALL OTHER
5 THINGS BEING EQUAL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO A
6 BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS A WELLNESS PROGRAM IN PLACE FOR ITS
7 EMPLOYEES.

8 (9) AS USED IN SUBSECTION (8), "WELLNESS PROGRAM" MEANS A
9 HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM OFFERED BY AN EMPLOYER TO HIS OR HER
10 EMPLOYEES.