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An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DOORE of Augusta, FOWLE of Vassalboro,
GILBERT of Jay, HERBIG of Belfast, POULIOT of Augusta, SAUCIER of Presque Isle,
Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1813-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1813-B. Cost-savings information available through the Internet**

4 The Director of the Bureau of General Services shall make cost-savings information
5 for the award winners of all competitively bid contracts for services for the State
6 available through the department's publicly accessible site on the Internet. For a contract
7 with a new contractor, the cost-savings information must, where applicable, include
8 projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing the same service and
9 include the amount of savings over the previous contractor's contract. For a contract with
10 a contractor renewing or extending a contract for the first time, the cost-savings
11 information must, where applicable, include details of cost-savings for the expiring
12 contract over the previous contractor's costs and details of continued cost-savings at or
13 below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. For a contract with a contractor
14 renewing or extending a contract beyond a first renewal or extension, the cost-savings
15 information must include details on continued cost-savings at or below costs in the
16 current contract adjusted for inflation. The Director of the Bureau of General Services
17 shall coordinate with all departments and agencies in the State to ensure the collection of
18 the cost-savings information described in this section. The Director of the Bureau of
19 General Services, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial
20 Services, shall establish by rule practices and procedures to make the cost-savings
21 information available on the department's publicly accessible site on the Internet. Rules
22 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter
23 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to coordinate with
26 all state departments and agencies to make cost-savings information available on the
27 department's website for the winners of all competitively bid service contracts for the
28 State. Cost-savings information for a contract with a new contractor must, where
29 applicable, include the projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing
30 the same service and include the amount of savings over the previous contractor. Cost-
31 savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract for
32 the first time must include details of the expiring contract's cost savings and details of
33 continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation.
34 Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a
35 contract beyond a first renewal or extension must include details on continued cost-
36 savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. This bill requires
37 that the Director of the Bureau of General Services, with the approval of the
38 Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, establish practices and
39 procedures to make the cost-savings information available on the department's website
40 and gives the director the authority to do this by rule.