

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2277

5 By: Representative Harris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR
10 CONSULTANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR
13 CONSULTANTS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 7 is amended
20 to add a new section to read as follows:

21 19-11-718. Ethical standards for consultants.

22 (a) It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person or
23 business that has entered into an agreement or a contract, including a
24 consultant services contract, with a state agency, county, city, town,
25 political subdivision, public agency, or other public entity under which
26 advice is provided by the person or business as a consultant regarding the
27 public entity's procurement of any commodities or services to have a direct
28 conflict of interest with the public entity or any third parties attempting
29 to provide the commodities or services.

30 (b) Any person or business that enters into an agreement or a contract
31 with a state agency, county, city, town, political subdivision, public
32 agency, or other public entity as a consultant is prohibited from engaging in
33 the activities under subsection (c) of this section when the service to be
34 rendered to the public agency is:

35 (1) Assisting in the review or evaluation of proposals or bids;

36 (2) Assisting in the preparation of the public entity's request



1 for proposals or bids for the procurement of any commodities or services; or
2 (3) Evaluating or rendering an opinion as to the public entity's
3 need for commodities or services.

4 (c) Any consultant under subsections (a) and (b) of this section
5 having a direct conflict of interest with a public entity or third party is
6 prohibited from:

7 (1) Submitting a bid or proposal or entering into any new
8 contract with the public entity concerning the commodity or service that was
9 the subject matter of the consultant's advice to the public entity under its
10 agreement or contract; or

11 (2) Submitting a bid or proposal in competition with any person
12 or business whose bid or proposal the consultant reviewed or evaluated under
13 subdivision (b)(1) of this section to any state agency, county, city, town,
14 subdivision political, public agency, or other public entity for a period of
15 one (1) year following the consultant's review of the bid or proposal for any
16 project in which the consultant's bid review under subdivision (b)(1) of this
17 section provides any competitive advantage.

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