

**Senate File 102 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning requirements for state purchasing from prison  
2 industries.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 904.808, subsection 1, Code 2013, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* When a comparable bid for a similar  
4 product has been received from an Iowa-based business and  
5 the director of the department of administrative services  
6 has determined the product from the Iowa-based business is  
7 comparable or of better value in both quality and price to a  
8 similar product available from Iowa state industries.

9 Sec. 2. Section 904.808, subsection 3, Code 2013, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 3. A department or agency of the state ~~shall~~ may cooperate  
12 and enter into agreements, if possible, for the provision of  
13 products and services under an inmate work program established  
14 by the state director under section 904.703.

15 EXPLANATION

16 Code section 904.808(1) is amended to provide that a  
17 department or agency of state government is not required to  
18 purchase a product from Iowa state industries if a comparable  
19 bid for a similar product of comparable or better value has  
20 been received from an Iowa-based business.

21 Code section 904.808(3), requiring a department or agency of  
22 the state to cooperate and enter into agreements, if possible,  
23 for the provision of products and services under an inmate work  
24 program, is amended to provide that a department or agency may  
25 cooperate and enter into such agreements.