

House Study Bill 626

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BILL)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for changes relating to specified aspects of the
2 operation of the department of administrative services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5396DP 81
5 rn/sh/8

PAG LIN

1 1 Section 1. Section 8A.204, subsection 3, paragraph g,
1 2 subparagraph (4), Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as
1 3 follows:

1 4 (4) Review and approval of all requests for proposals
1 5 prior to issuance for all information technology devices,
1 6 hardware acquisition, information technology services,
1 7 software development projects, and information technology
1 8 outsourcing for agencies that exceed the greater of a total
1 9 cost of fifty thousand dollars or a total involvement of seven
1 10 hundred fifty agency staff hours. The board, by majority
1 11 vote, may close a meeting to the public for the purpose of
1 12 considering a request for proposals. However, all board
1 13 actions and decisions regarding a request for proposals shall
1 14 be made in open meetings and appropriately recorded.

1 15 Sec. 2. Section 8A.206, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
1 16 to read as follows:

1 17 8A.206 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS.

1 18 1. The department ~~shall develop~~, in consultation
1 19 ~~conjunction~~ with the technology governance board, ~~recommended~~
1 20 ~~shall develop and adopt information technology standards for~~
1 21 ~~consideration with respect applicable~~ to the procurement of
1 22 information technology by all participating agencies. ~~It is~~
1 23 ~~the intent of the general assembly that information technology~~
1 24 ~~standards be established for the purpose of guiding such~~
1 25 ~~procurements.~~ Such standards, unless waived by the
1 26 department, shall apply to all information technology
1 27 procurements for participating agencies.

1 28 2. The office of the governor or the office of an elective
1 29 constitutional or statutory officer shall consult with the
1 30 department prior to procuring information technology and
1 31 consider the information technology standards recommended
1 32 adopted by the department, and provide a written report to the
1 33 department relating to the office's decision regarding such
1 34 acquisitions.

1 35 Sec. 3. Section 8A.504, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
2 1 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

2 2 d. "State agency" means a board, commission, department,
2 3 including the department of administrative services, or other
2 4 administrative office or unit of the state of Iowa or any
2 5 other state entity reported in the Iowa comprehensive annual
2 6 financial report, ~~or a political subdivision of the state, or~~
2 7 ~~an office or unit of a political subdivision.~~ "State agency"
2 8 does include the clerk of the district court as it relates to
2 9 the collection of a qualifying debt. "State agency" does not
2 10 include the general assembly, ~~or the governor, or any~~
2 11 ~~political subdivision of the state, or its offices and units.~~

EXPLANATION

2 12 This bill provides for changes relating to the operation of
2 13 the department of administrative services. The bill provides
2 14 for an exception to the open meetings law for meetings of the
2 15 technology governance board in which requests for proposals
2 16 are being discussed or reviewed prior to issuance, if
2 17 conducting a closed meeting is approved by a majority vote of
2 18 the board. The bill provides, however, that all board actions

2 20 and decisions regarding a request for proposals shall be made
2 21 in an open meeting and appropriately recorded. The requests
2 22 for proposals subject to this provision, pursuant to Code
2 23 section 8A.204, subsection 3, paragraph "g", relate to
2 24 information technology devices, hardware acquisition,
2 25 information technology services, software development
2 26 projects, and information technology outsourcing for agencies
2 27 that exceed the greater of a total cost of \$50,000 or a total
2 28 involvement of 750 agency staff hours.

2 29 The bill also provides for the elimination of inconsistent
2 30 language regarding the development and adoption of information
2 31 technology standards by the department and the board, and the
2 32 standards' application.

2 33 Additionally, the bill includes political subdivisions
2 34 within the definition of "state agency" for purposes of
2 35 establishing a debt collection setoff procedure for collection
3 1 of debts owed to the state or its agencies. Currently,
3 2 political subdivisions are specifically excluded from the
3 3 definition.

3 4 LSB 5396DP 81

3 5 rn:nh/sh/8