

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4458

FISCAL
NOTE

By Delegate Sheedy

[Introduced January 10, 2024; Referred
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §5A-3-63, relating to the elimination of statewide contracts that are awarded to
 3 out of state vendors by all state agencies and the West Virginia Division of Highways;
 4 providing for limited exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. PURCHASING DIVISION.

§5A-3-63. Elimination of statewide contracts to out of state vendors.

1 (a) Legislative findings. - The Legislature finds that the elimination of statewide contracts to
 2 out of state vendors will save the State of West Virginia money, spur economic growth within the
 3 state, and will reward businesses in West Virginia.

4 (b) Elimination of contacts with out of state vendors. – All state agencies in West Virginia,
 5 as well as the West Virginia Division of Highways, shall be prohibited from entering into contracts
 6 with out of state vendors, and shall find a suitable in-state vendor or business to engage with.

7 (c) Limited exception. – Contracts may only be completed with out of state vendors when
 8 no in-state vendors or businesses are available to do the services sought. A higher price for an in-
 9 state vendor as opposed to an out of state vendor is not a suitable exception.

10 (d) Effective date. – This section shall become effective July 1, 2024.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate statewide contracts that are awarded to out of state vendors.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.