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Sec. E.100.6 ADMINISTRATION; PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING REPORT

(a) Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2222(a), the Secretary of Administration has issued Bulletin 3.5 establishing the general policy and minimum standards for soliciting, awarding, processing, executing and overseeing contracts for service, as well as managing contract compliance. This Bulletin shall apply to the procurements of goods, products and services of all State agencies. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Executive Branch complies with the requirements of Bulletin 3.5. It is also the intent that the State shall streamline its purchasing and contracting services to increase efficiencies for the State of Vermont

(b) The Secretary of Administration, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and interested stakeholders, shall evaluate the State purchasing and contracting process. The evaluation shall include recommendations from the Chief Performance Officer, the Director of the Office of Purchasing and Contracting, the Commissioner of Finance and Management, and the Attorney General. As used in this subsection, "interested stakeholders" includes at least three vendors that regularly contract with the State, and at least three State Secretaries or Commissioners.

(c) On or before November 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a plan for the State's purchasing and contracting services that will result in improved State services and increased financial savings. The plan shall include recommendations for:

(1) creating a mechanism to enforce uniform compliance with State contracting law and procedures,

(2) achieving cost efficiencies in consolidating all State contracting entities,

(3) implementing e-procurement and contract management systems, and

(4) achieving efficiency and centralization in preparing contract proposals.

(d) The plan described in subsection (c) of this section shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations and to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions.