PROCUREMENT CODE. Authorizes the audit of certain vendor documentation in procurement of surveillance equipment by the office of legislature auditor. (8/1/22)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2237.1(D) and to enact R.S. 38:2237.1(E), relative to procurement of certain telecommunications equipment; to provide for audits of documentation submitted by certain vendors; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2237.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:2237.1(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2237.1. Procurement of telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services by state agencies and certain educational entities

D. Any vendor or other entity who provides the documentation required in Subsection B of this Section found to supply telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services as defined to the procuring agency, certain educational entity or their service provider that were prohibited at the time of procurement shall, at its own expense, replace the prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services with non-prohibited equipment or services of at least equal quality and performance.
Compliance with this Section is subject to audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

D. E. This Section shall apply only to procurements initiated on or after August 1, 2021, by state agencies, certain educational entities, and their service providers.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST
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Present law prohibits certain entities from procuring prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services.

Present law requires vendors, prior to procurement of certain telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services to provide documentation by affidavit that the equipment or services to be procured are not prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services.

Proposed law requires vendors who supply prohibited equipment replace the equipment with non-prohibited equipment at their own expense that is of at least equal quality.

Proposed law requires that vendor documentation required in present law be subject to audit by the office of the legislative auditor.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 38:2237.1(D); adds R.S. 38:2237.1(E))