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## DIGEST

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HB No. 479

**Abstract:** Requires the commissioner of administration to publish policies and procedures to facilitate notification of the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center regarding opportunities for state procurements and public contracts.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (The Hudson Initiative) to increase the use of small entrepreneurships in state procurements and public contracts.

Present law requires the commissioner of administration to conduct semiannual training programs to acquaint small entrepreneurships with state procurement and public contract proposal and bidding practices.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that the commissioner of administration publish policies and procedures to establish the method by which chief procurement officers and the director of contractual review shall notify the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center, a nonprofit organization established to assist small businesses in competing for government contracts, regarding public bids and other competitive opportunities for state procurements and public contracts.

(Amends R.S. 39:2007(D))