2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 799

## BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

## PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Requires certain information be included in all state contracts and certain state-related contracts

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 39:1623(C) and Part X of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the
3	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:1758, relative to
4	public contracts; to require certain information be included in all state contracts and
5	certain state-related contracts; to require certain information be included in contracts
6	for professional, personal, consulting, and social services contracts; and to provide
7	for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 39:1623(C) and Part X of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the
10	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1758, are hereby enacted to read
11	as follows:
12	§1623. Certification by using agency
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14	C. In addition to the certifications required in Subsections A and B of this
15	Section, any using agency seeking to enter into any contract shall certify that the
16	contract contains information required by R.S. 39:1758.
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18	PART X. REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTS
19	<u>§1758.</u> Contract fiscal controls

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1	A. Any contract subject to the provisions of this Chapter, a university pilot
2	procurement code, or issued by the LCTCS Facilities Corporation, all of which shall
3	be deemed a public record for purposes of this Part and R.S. 14:133, shall contain the
4	following provisions:
5	(1) Certification by the contractor that the contractor, its representatives,
6	officers, directors, and owners, did not give anything of value to any employee of the
7	agency, or to a family member, friend, or business in exchange for the granting of
8	the contract, except for the obligation of the contract.
9	(2) Certification by the contractor that the contract is on behalf of the entity
10	itself and not as a front for another person or entity and there are no counter-letters
11	or other agreements or understandings as to the true owners of the contractor.
12	(3) Certification by the contractor that it acknowledges that a contract
13	covered by this Part is a public record and that filing false public records including
14	any document containing a false statement or false representation of a material fact
15	for record in any public office or with any public official, with knowledge of its
16	falsity, is a criminal offense under state law R.S. 14:133, punishable by
17	imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than five thousand
18	dollars, or both.
19	(4) An appropriations dependency clause indicating that if the legislature
20	fails to appropriate sufficient money to provide for the continuation of the contract,
21	or if such appropriation is reduced by veto of the governor, by any means provided
22	in the appropriations act or Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or by
23	subsequent appropriation act, the contract shall terminate on the date of the
24	beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.
25	B. Each professional, personal, consulting, and social services contract shall
26	contain a provision authorizing the contracting entity to terminate the contract upon
27	thirty days notice or sooner.

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires contracts subject to the Louisiana Procurement Code, a university pilot procurement code, and the LCTCS Facilities Corp. shall contain certain information.

<u>Proposed law</u> deems all state contracts subject to the Louisiana Procurement Code or a university pilot procurement code, or any contract issued by the LCTCS Facilities Corp., be deemed public records for the purposes of <u>proposed law</u> and requires such contracts contain:

- (1) Certification by the contractor that its representatives, officers, directors, and owners, did not give anything of value to any employee of the agency, or to a family member, friend, or business in exchange for the granting of the contract, except for the obligation of the contract.
- (2) Certification by the contractor that the contract is on behalf of the entity itself and not as a front for another person or entity and there are no counter-letters or other agreements or understandings as to the true owners of the contractor.
- (3) Certification by the contractor that it acknowledges that a contract covered by this Part is a public record and that filing false public records is a criminal offense under present law, punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.
- (4) An appropriations dependency clause allowing a contract to be terminated at the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that each professional, personal, consulting, and social services contract shall contain a provision authorizing the contracting entity to terminate the contract upon 30 days notice or sooner.

(Adds R.S. 39:1623(C) and 1758)