A bill to be entitled

An act relating to procurement of contractual services by a state agency; amending s. 287.057, F.S.; providing that contracts to outsource human services related to mental health, substance abuse, or child welfare are not subject to competitive solicitation requirements; creating s. 287.0575, F.S.; defining "material adverse financial impact"; providing requirements with respect to outsourced human services contracts related to mental health, substance abuse, or child welfare; requiring a contracting agency to negotiate a contract amendment with a human services provider if a material change to the scope of the contract is imposed upon a service provider and compliance with such change will have a material adverse financial impact on the service provider; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual services.--

(5) When the purchase price of commodities or contractual services exceeds the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, no purchase of commodities or contractual services may be made without receiving competitive sealed bids,

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competitive sealed proposals, or competitive sealed replies unless:

- (f) The following contractual services and commodities are not subject to the competitive-solicitation requirements of this section:
 - 1. Artistic services.

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- 2. Academic program reviews.
- 3. Lectures by individuals.
- 4. Auditing services.
- 5. Legal services, including attorney, paralegal, expert witness, appraisal, or mediator services.
- 6. Health services involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, medical consultation, or administration.
- 7. Services provided to persons with mental or physical disabilities by not-for-profit corporations which have obtained exemptions under the provisions of s. 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or when such services are governed by the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, willingness to meet time requirements, and price.
- 8. Medicaid services delivered to an eligible Medicaid recipient by a health care provider who has not previously applied for and received a Medicaid provider number from the Agency for Health Care Administration. However, this exception shall be valid for a period not to exceed 90 days after the date of delivery to the Medicaid recipient and shall not be renewed by the agency.

9. Family placement services.

- 10. Prevention services related to mental health, including drug abuse prevention programs, child abuse prevention programs, and shelters for runaways, operated by not-for-profit corporations. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, willingness to meet time requirements, and price.
- 11. Training and education services provided to injured employees pursuant to s. 440.491(6).
 - 12. Contracts entered into pursuant to s. 337.11.
- 13. Services or commodities provided by governmental agencies.
- 14. Contracts to outsource human services related to mental health, substance abuse, or child welfare.
- Section 2. Section 287.0575, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 287.0575 Outsourced contracts for human services related to mental health, substance abuse, or child welfare.--
- (1) For the purposes of this section, "material adverse financial impact" means:
- (a) An increase in the reasonable costs to the contractor in performing the contract of 15 percent of the maximum obligation amount or unit price of the contract; or
- (b) An action that affects the core purpose and primary intent of the contract.
- (2) Contracts to outsource human services related to mental health, substance abuse, or child welfare shall:

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(a) Provide that, in the event that a material change to the scope of the contract is imposed upon a service provider and compliance with such change will have a material adverse financial impact on the service provider, the contracting agency shall negotiate a contract amendment with the service provider to increase the maximum obligation amount or unit price of the contract to offset the material adverse financial impact of the change, provided the service provider furnishes evidence to the contracting agency of such material adverse financial impact along with a request to renegotiate the contract based on the proposed change.

- (b) Ensure that payment will be made on all items not under dispute and that in no event will payment be withheld on undisputed issues pending the resolution of disputed issues.
- (c) Provide that any dispersed funds that remain unexpended during the contract term be considered as authorized revenue for the purposes of cash flow, program expansion and development, and administrative costs.
- (d) Specify an exact number of agency monitoring visits based on the performance of the managing entity or service provider for the contracted year to ensure that appropriate oversight will occur without impeding efficient provision of services. Monitoring by multiple agencies shall be combined so that interruptions to the agency and to the services provided are minimized.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.