COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee Representative Albritton offered the following:

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Substitute Amendment for Amendment (711473) by Representative (with directory and title amendments)

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Remove lines 695-794 and insert:

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(16) For a contract in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FOUR, the agency head shall appoint:

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(a) At least three persons to evaluate proposals and replies who collectively have experience and knowledge in the program areas and service requirements for which commodities or contractual services are sought.

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(b) At least three persons to conduct negotiations during a competitive sealed reply procurement who collectively have experience and knowledge in negotiating contracts, contract procurement, and the program areas and service requirements for which commodities or contractual services are sought.

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 $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ When the value of a contract is in excess of \$1 million in any fiscal year, at least one of the persons

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 conducting negotiations must be certified as a contract negotiator based upon rules adopted by the Department of Management Services in order to ensure that certified contract negotiators are knowledgeable about effective negotiation strategies, capable of successfully implementing those strategies, and involved appropriately in the procurement process. At a minimum, the rules must address the qualifications required for certification, the method of certification, and the procedure for involving the certified negotiator. If the value of a contract is in excess of \$10 million in any fiscal year, at least one of the persons conducting negotiations must be a Project Management Professional, as certified by the Project Management Institute.

- (22) The department, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer Agency for Enterprise Information Technology and the Comptroller, shall maintain develop a program for online procurement of commodities and contractual services. To enable the state to promote open competition and to leverage its buying power, agencies shall participate in the online procurement program, and eligible users may participate in the program. Only vendors prequalified as meeting mandatory requirements and qualifications criteria may participate in online procurement.
- (a) The department, in consultation with the agency, may contract for equipment and services necessary to develop and implement online procurement.
- (b) The department, in consultation with the agency, shall adopt rules, pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, to

administer the program for online procurement. The rules shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1. Determining the requirements and qualification criteria for prequalifying vendors.
- 2. Establishing the procedures for conducting online procurement.
- 3. Establishing the criteria for eligible commodities and contractual services.
- 4. Establishing the procedures for providing access to online procurement.
- 5. Determining the criteria warranting any exceptions to participation in the online procurement program.
- (c) The department may impose and shall collect all fees for the use of the online procurement systems.
- 1. The fees may be imposed on an individual transaction basis or as a fixed percentage of the cost savings generated. At a minimum, the fees must be set in an amount sufficient to cover the projected costs of the services, including administrative and project service costs in accordance with the policies of the department.
- 2. If the department contracts with a provider for online procurement, the department, pursuant to appropriation, shall compensate the provider from the fees after the department has satisfied all ongoing costs. The provider shall report transaction data to the department each month so that the department may determine the amount due and payable to the department from each vendor.

- 3. All fees that are due and payable to the state on a transactional basis or as a fixed percentage of the cost savings generated are subject to s. 215.31 and must be remitted within 40 days after receipt of payment for which the fees are due. For fees that are not remitted within 40 days, the vendor shall pay interest at the rate established under s. 55.03(1) on the unpaid balance from the expiration of the 40-day period until the fees are remitted.
- 4. All fees and surcharges collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the Operating Trust Fund as provided by law.
- Section 8. Effective December 1, 2014, subsection (14) of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual services.--
- (14) (a) For each contractual services contract, the agency shall designate an employee to function as contract manager who is shall be responsible for enforcing performance of the contract terms and conditions and serve as a liaison with the contractor.
- (b) Each contract manager who is responsible for contracts in excess of the threshold amount for CATEGORY TWO must, at a minimum, complete attend training conducted by the Chief Financial Officer for accountability in contracts and grant management. The Chief Financial Officer shall establish and disseminate uniform procedures pursuant to s. 17.03(3) to ensure that contractual services have been rendered in accordance with the contract terms before the agency processes the invoice for

payment. The procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, procedures for monitoring and documenting contractor performance, reviewing and documenting all deliverables for which payment is requested by vendors, and providing written certification by contract managers of the agency's receipt of goods and services.

(c) Each contract manager who is responsible for contracts in excess of \$100,000 annually must complete training in contract management and become a certified contract manager. The department is responsible for establishing and disseminating the requirements for certification, which include completing the training conducted by the Chief Financial Officer for accountability in contracts and grant management. Training and certification must be coordinated by the department and the training must be conducted jointly by the department and the Department of Financial Services. Training must promote best practices and procedures related to negotiating, managing, and ensuring accountability in agency contracts and grant agreements, which must include the use of case studies based upon previous audits, contracts, and grant agreements.

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DIRECTORY AMENDMENT Remove line 482 and insert:

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(3), (10), (12), (13), (16), and (22) of section 287.057,

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 73-81 and insert:

Requiring the department, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to maintain a program for online procurement of commodities and contractual services; providing training requirements for contract managers responsible for contracts in excess of a specified threshold amount; providing contract manager certification for contract managers responsible for contracts in excess of a specified threshold amount; providing that the Department of management Services is responsible for establishing and disseminating the requirements for certification of a contract manager; providing that training will be conducted jointly by the Department of Management Services and the Department of Financial Services; providing training guidelines and requirements; amending s.