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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the director of the department of general  
2 services to approve certain contracts for purchases by state  
3 agencies.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 18.3, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Approving and executing, in  
4 accordance with rules adopted by the director, all sole source  
5 contracts and all contracts with an aggregate cost exceeding  
6 twenty thousand dollars, for the purchase of equipment,  
7 supplies, or services, that are proposed by a state agency,  
8 except for purchases for equipment, supplies, or services used  
9 by the state department of transportation, institutions under  
10 the control of the state board of regents, the department for  
11 the blind, and any other agencies exempted by law.

12 "Sole source contract" means a contract for the purchase of  
13 equipment, supplies, or services that is entered into or  
14 proposed to be entered into by a state agency, after  
15 soliciting and negotiating with only one source.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill amends Code section 18.3 by requiring the  
18 director of the department of general services to approve and  
19 execute all contracts for purchases of equipment, supplies, or  
20 services by state agencies that are sole source contracts or  
21 that have an aggregate cost exceeding \$20,000. "Sole source  
22 contract" is defined as a contract for the purchase of  
23 equipment, supplies, or services that is solicited and  
24 negotiated with only one source, i.e., is noncompetitive.  
25 This requirement does not apply to purchase contracts for  
26 equipment, supplies, or services used by the state department  
27 of transportation, state board of regents institutions, the  
28 department for the blind, and any other agencies exempted by  
29 law.

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