

Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

Bill Summary

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 12 |
| TITLE | An Act updating Chapter 30B |
| SPONSORS | Office of the Inspector General |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.2165 |
| CURRENT LAW | Sections 1-10, Chapter 30B: Application of chapter, Definitions, Procurement contracts; files, Submission of quotations, Competitive sealed bidding procedures, Competitive sealed proposals; requests for proposals; additional evaluation criteria, Sole source procurements, Emergency procurements, Cancellation of invitation for bids; rejection of bids or proposals, and Certification of good faith |

SUMMARY

SECTION 1. In Section 3 of chapter 30B, raises the contract threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

SECTION 2. In section 4 of chapter 30B, strikes subsection (a) and inserts a new subsection (a).

Governmental body procurements that are greater than \$15,000 but less than \$100,000 shall have at least 3 quotations.

SECTION 3. In section 4 of chapter 30B, raises the procurement amount to be obtained through sound business practices from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

SECTION 4. In section 5 of chapter 30B, raises the amount for sealed bidding procedures from amounts exceeding \$50,000 to amounts exceeding \$100,000.

SECTION 5. Strikes language in section 5 of chapter 30B.

For procurement amounts of more than \$100,000, the procurement officer shall also place the notice in any publication established by the state secretary for advertisement.

SECTION 6. Strikes language in section 6 of chapter 30B.

A procurement officer may enter into procurement contracts in the amount of more than \$100,000 utilizing competitive sealed proposals.

SECTION 7. Strikes language in section 6A of chapter 30B.

A procurement officer may enter into procurement contracts for more than \$100,000 utilizing reverse auctions to acquire supplies and services.

SECTION 8. Strikes language in section 7 of chapter 30B.

For sole source procurements, a procurement officer may award a contract in an amount of not more than \$100,000, or any contract for educational materials.

SECTION 9. In section 15 of chapter 30B, raises the estimated net value for disposition of a supply from less than \$10,000 to less than \$15,000.

SECTION 10. In section 17 of chapter 30B, raises the amount for contracts that must be in writing from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 13 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to snow hauling and removal |
| SPONSORS | Office of the Inspector General |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.1370 |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 1, Chapter 30B: Application of chapter |

SUMMARY

This legislation would update Section 1 of Chapter 30B by adding “snow hauling” and “snow removal” to the list of services alongside “plowing.”

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 14 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to electric vehicles and charging infrastructure |
| SPONSORS | Office of the Inspector General |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 23 of chapter 30B: Cooperative purchasing agreements between public procurement units or public procurement unit and external procurement activity |

SUMMARY

This bill strikes section 23 which established that public procurement units or local governments may participate in cooperative purchasing agreements to procure supplies with government funds. The language in the bill establishes that a governmental body may purchase electric vehicles or electric vehicle supply equipment. Contracts will be awarded to bidders that demonstrate that their employees have passed a construction safety course from OSHA, the company has the skills to complete the task and can work well with others who are also working towards the same goal. This bill would go into effect on June 30, 2030.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3286 |
| TITLE | An Act requiring municipalities to place insurance out to bid |
| SPONSORS | Representative Brian Ashe |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.2982) - Study, 2021-22 (H.3100) - Study |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 1, Chapter 30B: Application of chapter |

SUMMARY

This legislation would amend Section 1 of Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws by striking out the words “insurance or” from line 36.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3293 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to the employment of persons with disabilities |
| SPONSORS | Representative David Biele and Representative Daniel Hunt |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.2990) - Reported favorably; referred to House Ways and Means, 2023-24 (S.2456) - Reported favorably; referred to House Ways and Means |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.2107 (Sen. Nick Collins) |
| CURRENT LAW | Chapter 7 outlining the functions of the Executive Office for Administration & Finance |

SUMMARY

This legislation would establish a disability employment requirement for certain state-funded contracts, mandating that vendors with 75 or more full-time employees hire up to 2% individuals with disabilities, defined broadly to include a range of significant physical or mental impairments, and meet this threshold within one year of receiving the contract award.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3337 |
| TITLE | An Act relating to embodied carbon emission reductions in state-funded projects |
| SPONSORS | Representative Sean Garballey |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.2127 (Sen. William Driscoll, Jr.) - Identical |
| CURRENT LAW | Sections 1-72, Chapter 7C: Capital Asset Management and Maintenance |

SUMMARY

This legislation would amend Chapter 7C of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding a new section with 3 subsections:

Subsection 1: This section outlines meanings of the following terms: “Awarding authority”, “Covered product”, “Cradle-to-gate”, “Cradle-to-grave”, “Construction contractor”, “Department”, “Designer of record”, “Eligible project”, “Embodied carbon”, “Environmental product declaration”, “Global warming potential”, “Greenhouse gas”, “LCA commons”, “Responsible bidder”, and “Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment”.

Subsection 2: This section would require the Department to establish rules within one year of enactment that mandate at least a 30% reduction in embodied carbon for eligible building projects. Projects must comply through one of three pathways: performance-based life cycle analysis, building reuse, or use of lower-carbon materials with third-party product declarations—and must document and report compliance, with the Department reviewing and potentially tightening standards biennially to support the goal of net zero emissions.

Subsection 3: This section would require the Department, within one year of enactment, to create a database, or adopt the federal LCA Commons containing representative whole building life cycle assessments, serving as the standard reference for evaluating global warming potential reductions in covered construction projects.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3339 |
| TITLE | An Act prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields |
| SPONSORS | Representative Carmine Lawrence Gentile |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.3948) - Reported favorably; referred to House Steering Policy and Scheduling 2023-24 (S.2057) - Reported favorably; referred to Senate Ways and Means |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.2187 (Sen. Michael Moore) |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 1-71, Chapter 29: State Finance |

SUMMARY

This legislation would amend Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding a new section with 2 subsections:

Subsection 1: This section would prohibit Massachusetts state agencies and authorities from funding the purchase, installation, or replacement of artificial turf that contains zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS chemicals. Existing fields with these materials may remain in use for their expected lifespan but cannot be replaced with similar turf.

Subsection 2: This section would extend the same prohibition to local governments, including cities, towns, and counties, barring them from funding artificial turf with zinc, plastic, or intentionally-added PFAS. Like subsection 1, existing fields may continue to be used but not replaced with the same materials.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3363 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to cyber procurement projects |
| SPONSORS | Representative Bradley Jones Jr. |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.3062) - Study |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Sections 1-23, Chapter 30B: Uniform Procurement Act |

SUMMARY

This legislation would amend Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws by inserting a new section after section 23 that would require state agencies to give preference to vendors with cybersecurity insurance when purchasing IT goods or services. However, it does not exclude vendors without such insurance from bidding or being awarded contracts.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3367 |
| TITLE | An Act to procure public products or services from Massachusetts or the United States |
| SPONSORS | Representative Patrick Joseph Kearney |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.3068) - Study 2023-24 (S.3229) - Study |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 22O, Chapter 7: Preferential procurement of products or services within the commonwealth |

SUMMARY

This legislation would strike out the current language under Section 22O of Chapter 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws replacing it with a revised version. Provisions to Section 22O replace a general preference with a mandatory procurement rule as it pertains to Massachusetts state agencies and authorities. Under the updated language:

- State agencies must procure goods and services from businesses with their principal place of business in Massachusetts when available, unless equivalent options are available out-of-state for at least 10% less.
- If no in-state option is available, agencies must procure from businesses within the United States, again applying the 10% cost threshold.
- Only if no domestic option is available may agencies procure from foreign vendors.
- The bill retains the existing goal that at least 15% of statewide procurement contracts go to small, independently owned businesses based in Massachusetts.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3369 |
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| TITLE | An Act relative to school transportation contracts |
| SPONSORS | Representative Meghan Kilcoyne |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H.3074) - Study |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 5, Chapter 30B: Competitive sealed bidding procedures |

SUMMARY

This legislation would amend Section 5 of Chapter 30B by inserting language into subsection (g), which currently requires that contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The amendment creates a targeted exception for school transportation contracts that include electric vehicles, directing procurement officers to consider all criteria outlined in the invitation for bids—not just price—when awarding such contracts.

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BILL NUMBER House, No. 3374

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| TITLE | An Act relative to Chapter 30B procurement through RFPs and cooperative contracts |
| SPONSORS | Representative Michael Kushmerek |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | (2023-24) H3077: Accompanied study order, H4675 |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 4, Chapter 30B, regarding submission of quotations |

SUMMARY

Section 1. Strikes subsection (a) and inserts a new subsection (a).

Governmental body procurements that are greater than \$10,000 and less than \$50,000 shall have at least 3 quotations, except that municipal or regional school districts shall have procurements greater than \$10,000 or less than \$100,000.

Section 2. Strikes subsection (b) and inserts a new subsection (b).

The procurement offer shall award the contract to the lowest quotation unless the procurement was subject to section 6.

Section 3. Amends Section 6 of Chapter 30B such that that a chief procurement officer may enter into procurement contracts of more than \$50,000 except for the provisions in section 1 of this bill.

Section 4. Inserts language that public procurements shall be procured according to Chapter 30B.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3375 |
| TITLE | An Act utilizing apprenticeship programs for career paths in construction |

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| SPONSORS | Representative Michael Kushmerek |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S2148 (Sen. Feeney – Identical) |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 11H of Chapter 23, establishing definitions of “apprentice”, “apprentice agreement”, “apprenticeable occupation” and similar Section 11I of Chapter 23, regarding basic standards of apprentice agreements |

SUMMARY

Obligates public agencies to require that construction managers, contractors, or general contractors at any level at the time of bidding participate in an apprentice training program as defined under sections 11H and 11I in Chapter 23 for each apprenticeable trade or occupation represented in their workforce that is approved by the Division of Apprentice Standards of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

If the public agency does not receive any bids from a qualified bidder participating in such an apprentice training program, the public agency may resolicit bids for that category of work without the requirements of this section.

Bidders for a public works project that do not participate in such an apprentice training program shall not be regarded as a responsible and eligible bidder.

This act’s provisions are severable.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3391 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to government surplus supply |
| SPONSORS | Representative Moakley |

HEARING DATE July 15, 2025
REPORT OUT DATE September 15, 2025
PRIOR HISTORY None
SIMILAR MATTERS None
CURRENT LAW Section 15 of chapter 30B

SUMMARY

Inserts a new subsection into section 15 of chapter 30B.

If a governmental body as defined in section 1, has approved written procedures on how to identify the tangible surplus and why it's important to dispose of it, the governmental body may get rid of it.

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BILL NUMBER House, No. 3399
TITLE An Act to promote Massachusetts manufacturers
SPONSORS Representative Norman Orrall
HEARING DATE July 15, 2025

REPORTING DATE September 15, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY (2023-24) H3098: Accompanied a study order, H4995
(2021-22) H3215: Accompanied a study order, H4910

SIMILAR MATTERS H3411 (Rep. Roy)
S2219 (Sen. Lovely)

CURRENT LAW Chapter 30B, regarding procurement of supplies, services, and real property

SUMMARY

This bill requires 10% of the construction costs of state and municipal projects be from Massachusetts manufacturers, and allows for a waiver process.

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BILL NUMBER House, No. 3411

TITLE An Act to promote American manufacturing

SPONSORS Representative Jeffrey Roy

HEARING DATE July 15, 2025

REPORTING DATE September 15, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY (2023-24) H3108: Favorable, referred to House Ways and Means

SIMILAR MATTERS S2167 (Sen. Lovely – Identical)

CURRENT LAW Chapter 7

SUMMARY

Inserts a new section in Chapter 7.

After giving preferences to section 22O, each contract for construction, repair, improvement or maintenance of a public building or public works by a public agency shall contract for iron, steel, etc that is made in the U.S.

The exceptions are: the application is against public interest, the materials aren't made in the US of reasonable quantities or quality, or that it would cause the cost of the project to be more than 25%.

If a waiver is requested then the agency shall allow for public comment. If the waiver is granted, the justification for the waiver will be made public.

Intentional violations are products that have a label that bear "Made in America" when they are not or if a representation is made that the product was produced in the U.S. when it was not, the person will be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract. The Attorney General has the authority to enforce this section.

Any contract that is for over \$500,000 of a public building or public works shall use manufactured goods that are made in the U.S. This section may not apply if fewer than 3 steel manufacturers or fabricators located in the U.S. have submitted responsive bids under this chapter.

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BILL NUMBER House, No. 3423

TITLE An Act relative to charter school procurement

SPONSORS Representatives Steven Ultrino and Paul Donato

HEARING DATE July 15, 2025

REPORTING DATE September 15, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY (2023-24) H3116: Favorable, referred to House Steering
(2021-22) H4110: Favorable, referred to House Steering

SIMILAR MATTERS None

CURRENT LAW Section 2, Chapter 30B, establishing definitions in the Uniform Procurement Act

SUMMARY

This bill would include charter schools as part of the definition of “governmental body” and subject to the procurement process of Chapter 30B.

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BILL NUMBER House, No. 3424

TITLE An Act to enhance cooperative purchasing opportunities for cities and towns

SPONSORS Representatives Steven Ultrino and Carmine Lawrence Gentile

HEARING DATE July 15, 2025

REPORTING DATE September 15, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY (2023-24) H3117: Accompanied a study order, H4675

SIMILAR MATTERS S2219 (Sen. Tarr – Identical)

CURRENT LAW Section 22, Chapter 30B, regarding cooperative purchasing agreements between public procurement units or a public procurement unit and external procurement activity

SUMMARY

Inserts a new paragraph that if it is in the best interest of a cooperative purchasing agreement for public procurement, the agreement may award contracts to multiple offerors.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3434 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to the uniform procurement act |
| SPONSORS | Representative David Vieira |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORTING DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | 2023-24 (H. 3126): Ordered to a House Study 2021-22 (H.3242): Ordered to a House Study |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | None |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 1 of Chapter 30B: This section determines who is subject to the uniform procurement act |

SUMMARY

Paragraph (e) is amended by adding “governmental body” after the word parties. By adding governmental bodies, this would exempt governmental bodies from the competitive bid process if the facility is located on public or private land for the disposal, recycling, composting or treatment of solid waste, sewage, septage or sludge.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3436 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to chapter 30B procurement parity |
| SPONSORS | Representative Tommy Vitolo |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORT OUT DATE | September 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | (2023-24) H.3127: Favorable, referred to Ways and Means |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S.2165 (Sen Lewis – Identical) |
| CURRENT LAW | Sections 4-6, Chapter 30B, regarding the submission of quotations, competitive sealed bidding procedures, and competitive sealed proposals Section 6A, Chapter 30B, regarding the use of reverse auctions for acquiring supplies and services Section 7, Chapter 30B, regarding sole source procurements |

SUMMARY

This bill brings all municipal procurements caps for a sealed bidding process in line with the Operational School Efficiency law, which raises procurements caps for school district purchasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

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| BILL NUMBER | House, No. 3442 |
| TITLE | An Act relative to transparency and accountability in procurement |
| SPONSORS | Representative Christopher Worrell |
| HEARING DATE | July 15, 2025 |
| REPORTING DATE | August 15, 2025 |
| PRIOR HISTORY | None |
| SIMILAR MATTERS | S. 2178 (Senator Miranda – Identical) |
| CURRENT LAW | Section 57 of Chapter 7, regarding the Commonwealth’s policy promoting minority, women, and veterans businesses |

SUMMARY

Section 1. This section will create the Transparency and Accountability in Procurement Act to better understand inclusiveness in the business field.

Section 2. Inserts a definition section.

Section 3. The Supplier Diversity Office will provide regulations and collect data on procurement activity.