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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Contract Review
6 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee is
7 responsible for reviewing state contracts for personal
8 or professional services with private entities or
9 individuals to be paid out of appropriated state or
10 federal funds.

11 This bill would require all occupational and
12 professional licensing board or commission funds to be
13 subject to review.

14 This bill would also remove the requirement that
15 the review of personal or professional services
16 contracts be limited to those contracts paid out of
17 appropriated funds issued on a state warrant.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

22 AN ACT

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24 Relating to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative
25 Oversight Committee; to amend Section 29-2-41, Code of Alabama
26 1975, to require all occupational and professional licensing
27 board, commission, and agency funds to be subject to review;
28 and to remove the requirement that the review of personal or



29 professional services contracts be limited to those contracts
30 paid out of appropriated funds issued on a state warrant.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Section 29-2-41 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 "§29-2-41

35 (a) Each member of the committee shall be entitled to
36 regular legislative compensation, per diem, and travel
37 expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of the
38 committee, which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated
39 to the use of the Legislature, on warrants drawn on the ~~state~~
40 Comptroller upon requisition signed by the committee's chair.
41 Members shall not receive additional compensation or per diem
42 when the Legislature is in session. The Department of
43 Examiners of Public Accounts shall furnish assistance and any
44 relevant information to the committee.

45 (b) (1) The committee shall have the responsibility of
46 reviewing contracts for personal or professional services with
47 private entities or individuals to be paid out of appropriated
48 funds, federal or state, ~~on a state warrant~~ issued as
49 recompense for those services.

50 (2) Each state department entering into a contract to
51 be paid out of appropriated funds, federal or state, ~~on a~~
52 ~~state warrant~~ which is notified by the committee, shall submit
53 to the committee any proposed contract for personal or
54 professional services. Each contract shall be accompanied by
55 an itemization of the total cost estimate of the contract.

56 (c) A department, in lieu of the proposed contract, may



57 submit to the committee a letter of intent to contract. A
58 letter of intent to contract shall indicate the contracting
59 parties, the services to be performed, an itemization of the
60 total cost estimate of the contract, and such other
61 information as the department may deem pertinent to the
62 committee review of the contract. If a department elects to
63 submit a letter of intent to contract in lieu of a proposed
64 contract, the department shall be required to submit to the
65 committee for its information the contract described in the
66 letter of intent upon the execution of the contract.

67 (d) The committee shall hold a hearing to review and
68 comment where necessary on any contract or letter of intent to
69 contract within a reasonable time not to exceed 45 days after
70 a department has submitted the contract or letter of intent to
71 contract to the committee. If the committee fails to hold a
72 hearing to review a contract or letter of intent to contract
73 within the 45-day time period, the contract shall be deemed to
74 have been reviewed in compliance with this section. The
75 committee may hold a contract considered at a meeting for up
76 to 45 days following the meeting to review and comment on the
77 contract.

78 (e) Any contract made by the state or any of its
79 agencies or departments in violation of this section and
80 without prior review by the committee of either the contract
81 or the letter of intent to contract shall be void ab initio.

82 (f) The committee may issue subpoenas for any witnesses
83 and require the production of any documents or contracts the
84 committee deems necessary to examine in order to conduct its



85 duties.

86 (g) The committee shall organize itself at the first
87 meeting following a new quadrennium and elect from among its
88 membership a chair and a ~~vice-chair~~ vice chair. Any committee
89 member reelected to a new quadrennium shall continue to serve
90 on the committee until such time the committee reorganizes
91 itself.

92 (h) The committee shall hold regular meetings at least
93 once each month, the regular meetings to be held during the
94 first week of each month.

95 (i) For purposes of this section, the term "state
96 department" or "department" includes, but is not limited to,
97 each occupational or professional licensing board, commission,
98 or agency."

99 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
100 1, 2026.