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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee reviews and comments on contracts entered into by state departments for personal or professional services with private entities or individuals to be paid out of appropriated funds.

This bill would provide that the committee, when reviewing a contract, may recommend that the Governor not sign the contract.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee; to amend Section 29-2-41, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the committee may recommend that the Governor not sign a contract under review by the committee; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 29-2-41, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 "§29-2-41

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

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

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

54 (c) A department, in lieu of the proposed contract, may  
55 submit to the committee a letter of intent to contract. A  
56 letter of intent to contract shall indicate the contracting



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

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

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

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



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

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

94           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
95 1, 2026.