

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has utilized State employees and private contractors for the delivery of services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, State employees are dedicated and hardworking; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland expends approximately one in three dollars from its operating budget for private contractor services; and

WHEREAS, Competition in selecting service providers can be a useful tool in achieving improved quality of services and cost efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Many cities and states have benefited from the creation of a process in which government employees compete against the private sector to provide services; and

WHEREAS, This process referred to as "competitive re-engineering" utilizes performance measurements, auditing, management oversight, incentives, and penalties; and

WHEREAS, When such process frees State employees from certain statutory restrictions, rewards innovation, and utilizes an appropriate cost analysis method, a level playing field for the comparison of proposals and fair competition is assured; and

WHEREAS, Competition in selecting service providers is not intended as a means to simply reduce costs by reducing salaries and benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly finds that a process to evaluate the delivery of services to the citizens of the State utilizing "competitive re-engineering" will improve the quality of services and do so in a more cost efficient manner; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

TITLE 18. COMPETITIVE RE-ENGINEERING *PILOT PROGRAM.*

18-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "AGENCY" MEANS AN ENTITY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT.

(C) "CONTRACTOR" MEANS ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, OTHER THAN A SERVICE UNIT, THAT HAS A CONTRACT WITH AN AGENCY.

(D) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COUNCIL ON MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY.