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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1421

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL
 2 ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS THE ARPA RURAL WATER
 3 ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST RURAL WATER
 4 ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELIGIBLE DRINKING WATER
 5 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA);
 6 TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
 7 ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, WHICH SHALL BE
 8 USED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO
 9 PROVIDE THAT UPON THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER
 10 THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A PROJECT GRANT
 11 AGREEMENT WITH EACH GRANTEE TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE GRANT
 12 FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT; TO PROVIDE
 13 THAT ANY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR A PROJECT UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM
 14 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A GRANTEE COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT OF NOT LESS
 15 THAN TWENTY PERCENT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL
 16 SERVICES CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT
 17 ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM
 18 REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD; TO
 19 AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO
 20 THE PRECEDING PROVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

22 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Health (department)
 23 shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural
 24 Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program to assist rural
 25 water associations in the construction of eligible drinking water
 26 infrastructure projects as provided in the Final Rule for the



27 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established
28 by ARPA.

29 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
30 be known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rural Water
31 Associations Infrastructure Fund (the "ARPA Rural Water
32 Associations Infrastructure Fund"), which will consist of funds
33 made available by the Legislature from federal ARPA funds. Monies
34 in the fund shall be used by the department, upon appropriation of
35 the Legislature, to make grants under the ARPA Rural Water
36 Associations Infrastructure Grant Program for the purposes
37 provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is the intent of
38 the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after the effective
39 date of this act, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated
40 to the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Fund be
41 obligated to projects that have completed plans and
42 specifications, acquired all necessary land and/or easements, and
43 are ready to proceed to construction.

44 (3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline
45 set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of
46 the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and
47 guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through
48 the American Rescue Plan Act.

49 (4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking
50 the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include
51 the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact



52 of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to
53 address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the
54 extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the
55 number of people served by the project (both new and existing
56 users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/
57 overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts
58 to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives;
59 (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or
60 in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant
61 applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical
62 operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant
63 applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner
64 and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by
65 rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the
66 Treasury for ARPA funds.

67 (5) An application for a grant under this section shall be
68 submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such
69 information as the department prescribes.

70 (6) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under
71 this section, the department shall enter into a project grant
72 agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant
73 for the project, including the amount of the grant. Any
74 assistance provided under this section for a project shall be
75 subject to a grantee cost-sharing requirement of not less than



76 twenty percent (20%). The grantee share may be provided in the
77 form of in-kind contributions.

78 (7) The department shall have all powers necessary to
79 implement and administer the ARPA Rural Water Associations
80 Infrastructure Grant Program established under this section. Of
81 the funds appropriated to the ARPA Rural Water Associations
82 Infrastructure Fund, up to ten percent (10%) shall be used by the
83 department to cover the department's costs of administering the
84 program.

85 (8) In carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA
86 Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program, for any
87 contract under the purview of the Public Procurement Review Board
88 (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any requirement that
89 the PPRB approve any personal or professional services contracts
90 or pre-approve any solicitation of such contracts. This
91 subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

92 (9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding
93 the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program no
94 later than December 31 of each year to the Lieutenant Governor,
95 the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House
96 Appropriations Committees.

97 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
98 amended as follows:



99 27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement
100 Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and
101 shall be composed of the following members:

102 (i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the
103 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

104 (ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the
105 Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

106 (iii) The Executive Director of the Department of
107 Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting
108 member.

109 (b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as
110 follows:

111 (i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to
112 serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

113 (ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to
114 serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

115 (iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to
116 serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

117 (iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant
118 Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

119 (v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant
120 Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

121 After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed
122 members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the



123 expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the
124 member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

125 (c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement
126 Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into
127 consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of
128 management experience in general business, health care or finance
129 for an organization, corporation or other public or private
130 entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who
131 receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to
132 approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public
133 Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of
134 a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal
135 or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public
136 Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a
137 greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value
138 of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business,
139 whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee
140 of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on
141 the Public Procurement Review Board.

142 (d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board
143 shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and
144 travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

145 (e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board
146 shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall
147 preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually



148 elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair.
149 No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of
150 procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three
151 (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless
152 approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered
153 upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary
154 clerical and administrative support for the board shall be
155 provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes
156 shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which
157 shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the
158 Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
159 Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the
160 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
161 Representatives.

162 (2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the
163 following powers and responsibilities:

164 (a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the
165 purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of
166 commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired
167 pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

168 (b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of
169 contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state
170 buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts
171 for architectural and engineering services.



172 The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such
173 contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state
174 institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as
175 provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

176 (c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental
177 agreement by any state agency or department, including any state
178 agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the
179 buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and
180 Administration. These regulations shall require each agency
181 requesting to lease such space to provide the following
182 information that shall be published by the Department of Finance
183 and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space;
184 the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased;
185 the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the
186 general location desired for the leased space; the contact
187 information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for
188 the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific
189 terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information
190 deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of
191 the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public
192 Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided
193 sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow
194 the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of
195 Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease
196 before the time for advertisement begins;



197 (d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside
198 at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for
199 the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all
200 such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing
201 regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to
202 all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive
203 bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority
204 business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if
205 the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the
206 lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest
207 and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall
208 not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one
209 (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the
210 minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority
211 business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a
212 citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who
213 is:

214 (i) Black: having origins in any of the black
215 racial groups of Africa;

216 (ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban,
217 Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture
218 or origin regardless of race;

219 (iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of
220 the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian
221 subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;



222 (iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having
223 origins in any of the original people of North America; or

224 (v) Female;

225 (e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of
226 the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases,
227 for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by
228 state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements
229 for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll
230 Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

231 (f) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the
232 solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel,
233 including personal and professional services contracts for any
234 form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing,
235 public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other
236 contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the
237 exception of any personal service contracts entered into by any
238 agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in
239 Section 25-9-107(c), any personal service contracts entered into
240 for computer or information technology-related services governed
241 by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services,
242 any personal service contracts entered into by the individual
243 state institutions of higher learning, any personal service
244 contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of
245 Transportation, any personal service contracts entered into by the
246 Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the



247 Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines
248 would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of
249 Child Protection Services, any personal service contracts entered
250 into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June
251 30, 2019, any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the
252 Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair
253 Commission, any contracts entered into by the Department of
254 Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance,
255 parts, equipment and/or services, any contract entered into by the
256 Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment
257 and/or software required for the operation at such specialized
258 equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories, * * *
259 any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect,
260 engineer, anatomical pathologist, utility rate expert
261 services, * * * any personal service contracts approved by the
262 Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
263 and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility
264 through June 30, 2022, and any personal or professional services
265 contract entered into by the State Department of Health in
266 carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water
267 Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026.
268 Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining
269 continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency
270 affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section
271 7-7-3(6) (d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal



272 and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement
273 Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the
274 Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the
275 Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the
276 Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of
277 Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes
278 on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes,
279 if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the
280 Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act;

281 (g) Approve all personal and professional services
282 contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of
283 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in
284 paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

285 (h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to
286 contractual services personnel that require invitations for public
287 bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial
288 responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review
289 Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under
290 paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency
291 involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement
292 process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting
293 procurements;

294 (i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency
295 heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional
296 services without receiving prior approval from the Public



297 Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may
298 establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and
299 professional services for set prices with which state agencies may
300 contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

301 (i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by
302 procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs.
303 The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price
304 represents a fair market value for the services. When the
305 procurements are made from other governmental entities, the
306 private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts
307 shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement
308 Review Board.

309 (ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies,
310 both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not
311 require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the
312 contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource
313 planning system;

314 (j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for
315 proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of
316 costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the
317 administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency
318 and successful steps in terminating a contract;

319 (k) Present recommendations for governmental
320 privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by
321 any state agency;



322 (1) Authorize personal and professional service
323 contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a
324 funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract,
325 except the State Board of Education, which shall have the
326 authority to enter into contractual agreements for student
327 assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of
328 Education shall procure these services in accordance with the
329 Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

330 (m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance
331 audit on any personal or professional service contract;

332 (n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature
333 concerning the issuance of personal and professional services
334 contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary
335 information from state agencies in making such report;

336 (o) Develop and implement the following standards and
337 procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for
338 personal and professional services regardless of the value of the
339 procurement:

340 (i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the
341 term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can
342 provide the required personal or professional service.

343 (ii) An agency that has been issued a binding,
344 valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider
345 must be used for the required service must include a copy of the
346 applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews



347 for the particular personal or professional service referenced in
348 the court order.

349 (iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source
350 for any personal or professional service, other than those
351 exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection
352 (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established
353 by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14)
354 days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In
355 addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to,
356 the following information:

357 1. The personal or professional service
358 offered in the contract;

359 2. An explanation of why the personal or
360 professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of
361 the agency;

362 3. An explanation of why the source is the
363 only person or entity that can provide the required personal or
364 professional service;

365 4. An explanation of why the amount to be
366 expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable;
367 and

368 5. The efforts that the agency went through
369 to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional
370 service.



371 (iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes
372 that the personal or professional service published under
373 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source
374 service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the
375 objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement
376 Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole
377 source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or
378 professional service is not a sole source service.

379 (v) 1. If the agency determines after review that
380 the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source
381 contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the
382 agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the
383 procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the
384 personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid
385 or selection process.

386 2. If the agency determines after review that
387 there is only one (1) source for the required personal or
388 professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public
389 Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving
390 that the personal or professional service is only provided by one
391 (1) source.

392 3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has
393 any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional
394 service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency
395 must submit the procurement of the personal or professional



396 service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No
397 action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal
398 process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the
399 members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

400 (vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall
401 prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of
402 Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and
403 Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts
404 presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons
405 that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each
406 contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the
407 documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this
408 section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be
409 prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by
410 December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

411 (p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties
412 provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

413 (3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of
414 each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as
415 prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public
416 Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review
417 or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set
418 out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the
419 policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and
420 any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the



421 contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public
422 Procurement Review Board.

423 (4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional
424 services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted
425 under Section 27-104-7(2) (f) and (8), whether approved by an
426 agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain
427 in the procurement file a written determination for the approval,
428 using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review
429 Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the
430 determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to
431 ensure that the service required was practicably available from
432 only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request
433 form and address the following four (4) points:

434 (a) Explanation of why this service is the only service
435 that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

436 (b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only
437 practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

438 (c) Explanation of why the price is considered
439 reasonable; and

440 (d) Description of the efforts that were made to
441 conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible
442 price for the taxpayers.

443 (5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the
444 Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules
445 and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between



446 contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and
447 institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the
448 State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and
449 regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for
450 federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the
451 usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require
452 that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee,
453 requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial
454 control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state
455 department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to
456 contract for personnel services in compliance with those
457 regulations.

458 (6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall
459 use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by
460 threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of
461 commodities, the contracting for personal or professional
462 services, or the contracting for public construction under this
463 chapter.

464 (7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary,
465 the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be
466 applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

467 (8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the
468 authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees'
469 Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional
470 services contracts directly related to their constitutional



471 obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited
472 to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment
473 consultant and investment management contracts.

474 (9) Notwithstanding the exemption of personal and
475 professional services contracts entered into by the Department of
476 Human Services and personal and professional services contracts
477 entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services from
478 the provisions of this section under subsection (2)(f), before the
479 Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection
480 Services may enter into a personal or professional service
481 contract, the department(s) shall give notice of the proposed
482 personal or professional service contract to the Public
483 Procurement Review Board for any recommendations by the board.
484 Upon receipt of the notice, the board shall post the notice on its
485 website and on the procurement portal website established by
486 Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165. If the board does not respond
487 to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days after
488 receiving the notice, the department(s) may enter the proposed
489 personal or professional service contract. If the board responds
490 to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days, then the
491 board has seven (7) calendar days from the date of its initial
492 response to provide any additional recommendations. After the end
493 of the second seven-day period, the department(s) may enter the
494 proposed personal or professional service contract. The board is
495 not authorized to disapprove any proposed personal or professional



496 services contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July
497 1, 2022.

498 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
499 and after July 1, 2022.

