

# SENATE, No. 994

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)**

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of goods and services by public  
2 entities from the Central Nonprofit Agency and amending and  
3 supplementing P.L.1981, c.488.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or  
9 regulation to the contrary, any State department, agency, authority  
10 and instrumentality that is authorized to procure goods and services  
11 shall make a good faith effort to purchase five percent of such goods  
12 and services from the Central Nonprofit Agency as defined in section  
13 2 of P.L.1981, c.488 (C.30:6-24).

14 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
15 all political subdivisions of the State and local government entities,  
16 including counties, municipalities, school districts, quasi-State  
17 agencies, State and county colleges, volunteer fire departments,  
18 volunteer first aid and rescue squads, public authorities, commissions,  
19 and independent institutions of higher learning, that are authorized to  
20 make purchases as provided in the cooperative purchase program  
21 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1969, c.104 (C.52:25-16.1) and section 12  
22 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-12), as well as all agencies,  
23 commissions, boards, and other entities that are authorized to make  
24 joint purchases with the Director of the Division of Purchase and  
25 Property as provided in section 1 of P.L.1959, c.40 (C.52:27B-56.1),  
26 shall also make a good faith effort to purchase five percent of their  
27 goods and services from the Central Nonprofit Agency.

28 c. The State Treasurer shall take the necessary steps to coordinate  
29 the implementation of the terms of this section. The State Treasurer is  
30 authorized to call upon any department, office, or agency of State  
31 government to provide such information, resources, or other assistance  
32 deemed necessary to discharge the State Treasurer's responsibilities  
33 under this section. Each department, office, division, and agency of  
34 this State is required to cooperate with the State Treasurer and to  
35 furnish the State Treasurer with assistance necessary to accomplish the  
36 purposes of this section.

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38 2. Section 8 of P.L.1981, c.488 (C.30:6-30) is amended to read as  
39 follows:

40 8. State agencies and political subdivisions of the State shall  
41 make a good faith effort to procure, pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,  
42 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), five percent of  
43 their goods and services through the Central Nonprofit Agency from  
44 those commodities and services which have been set aside for  
45 purchase from approved rehabilitation facilities.  
46 (cf: P.L.1991, c.147, s.7)

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill requires State agencies and political subdivisions of the  
7 State that are authorized to purchase goods and services to make a  
8 good faith effort to purchase five percent of such goods and  
9 services through the Central Nonprofit Agency, an agency  
10 established by the “Rehabilitation Facilities Set Aside Act.”

11       The “Rehabilitation Facilities Set Aside Act” assist persons who  
12 are blind or have a severe disability to achieve maximum personal  
13 independence through productive employment by assuring a  
14 continuous market for their goods and services, which are produced  
15 at qualified rehabilitation facilities and distributed through the  
16 Central Nonprofit Agency. The Central Nonprofit Agency is  
17 designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Human  
18 Services to facilitate the distribution of orders received from  
19 various State agencies as provided in the “Rehabilitation Facilities  
20 Set Aside Act.”

21       This bill furthers the goals of the “Rehabilitation Facilities Set  
22 Aside Act” and its implementing regulations to assist in the  
23 productive employment of individuals with special needs and  
24 codifies into law Executive Order No. 67 of 2005. The only  
25 difference between the executive order and the bill is that the bill  
26 increases the purchase percentage from three percent to five  
27 percent.