

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2888**

By Delegates Sheedy, Reynolds, Willis, and

Longanacre

[Introduced January 20, 2023; Referred to the Committee  
on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §5A-3-63, relating to the elimination of statewide contracts that are awarded to  
 3 out of state vendors by all state agencies and the West Virginia Division of Highways;  
 4 providing for limited exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. PURCHASING DIVISION.**

**§5A-3-63. Elimination of statewide contracts to out of state vendors.**

1 (a) Legislative findings. - The Legislature finds that the elimination of statewide contracts to  
 2 out of state vendors will save the State of West Virginia money, spur economic growth within the  
 3 state, and will reward businesses in West Virginia.

4 (b) Elimination of contacts with out of state vendors. – All state agencies in West Virginia,  
 5 as well as the West Virginia Division of Highways, shall be prohibited from entering into contracts  
 6 with out of state vendors, and shall find a suitable in-state vendor or business to engage with.

7 (c) Limited exception. – Contracts may only be completed with out of state vendors when  
 8 no in-state vendors or businesses are available to do the services sought. A higher price for an in-  
 9 state vendor as opposed to an out of state vendor is not a suitable exception.

10 (d) Effective date. – This section shall become effective July 1, 2023.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate statewide contracts that are awarded to out of state vendors.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.