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Short Title: IT Purchasing/Convenience Contracts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saine and Tolson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC AGENCIES MAY PURCHASE INFORMATION  
3 TECHNOLOGY GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH CONVENIENCE CONTRACTS  
4 APPROVED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following definitions apply in this act:

7 (1) Convenience contract. – An agreement between two or more states  
8 providing that the states will enter into purchase orders jointly for  
9 information technology goods and services in order to increase economies of  
10 scale and reduce costs.

11 (2) Public agency. – Includes all of the following entities:

- 12 a. An agency, department, or institutions in the executive, judicial, or  
13 legislative branches of State government.  
14 b. A city, county, or other local political subdivision of the State.  
15 c. A local board of education, community college, or The University of  
16 North Carolina.

17 **SECTION 2.** In addition to other procurement methods and procedures allowed  
18 by law, public agency purchasing entities may elect to purchase information technology goods  
19 and services through a convenience contract awarded pursuant to a nationally recognized and  
20 accepted cooperative purchasing agreement in which other states participate; provided that the  
21 agreement was developed using a competitive bidding process and the agreement has been  
22 approved by the State Chief Information Officer (State CIO).

23 **SECTION 3.** The State CIO shall review the specifications and terms and  
24 conditions of information technology convenience contracts before the contracts may be  
25 utilized by public agencies. Upon approval by the State CIO, a public agency may use the  
26 nationally cooperative purchasing agreement without further State CIO approval. Public  
27 agencies shall report to the State CIO periodically on the utilization of convenience contracts.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

