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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASERS

Introduced By: Senators DaPonte, and Connors

Date Introduced: March 03, 2005

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **37-2-14.1. Prohibition against international outsourcing.** -- (a) Legislative Findings.  
4 The general assembly hereby finds that international outsourcing: (1) exacerbates American  
5 unemployment, workforce dislocations and deprives our residents of employment opportunities,  
6 including industries and jobs the state has expended resources to attract; (2) erodes state and local  
7 revenues by drawing jobs and income away; and (3) may lessen the privacy protection for our  
8 state residents whose personal information may, in the course of service and product delivery, be  
9 transmitted to locations outside the United States.

10           (b) The state or any municipality shall not award a procurement contract for goods and  
11 services to be rendered or supplied by a vendor or contractor located outside the United States.  
12 Each vendor/contractor proposal to provide goods or services to the state or municipalities shall  
13 certify that the services to be supplied shall be performed in the United States and shall have their  
14 origin in the United States.

15           (c) If during the life of the contract, the vendor, contractor or subcontractor shifts work  
16 overseas, which is funded under the contract, the state or municipality, shall terminate the  
17 contract for noncompliance. The outsourcing of work overseas shall be considered just cause for  
18 the termination of the contract and no penalties for breach of contract shall be applied to the state  
19 or municipality.

1            (d) The aforementioned overseas contracting ban shall not apply to state or municipal  
2 financial investments for retirement benefits, college savings plans, bonding, or other purposes.

3            SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prohibit the state or municipality from awarding a contract for goods and
- 2 services to be rendered or supplied by a vendor or contractor located outside the United States.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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