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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1037**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Administrative Services;
- 2 to require an evaluation of the state's procurement practices; and
- 3 to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) The Department of Administrative Services shall  
2 contract for the completion of an evaluation of the state's procurement  
3 practices. The evaluation shall analyze past procurement challenges and  
4 address potential areas for improvement, including, but not limited to:  
5 (a) Due diligence, (b) evaluation of cost, (c) accountability for  
6 decisionmaking, and (d) protest procedures.

7           (2) The department shall contract with an outside consultant with  
8 expertise in government procurement within sixty days after the effective  
9 date of this act for the purpose of conducting such evaluation. Such  
10 contract shall not be subject to any competitive bidding requirement.

11           (3) The evaluation shall be completed with input from (a) the  
12 chairpersons of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
13 of the Legislature and the Health and Human Services Committee of the  
14 Legislature and other members of the Legislature as such chairpersons  
15 deem appropriate, (b) the Department of Health and Human Services, and  
16 (c) any other using agencies, as defined in section 81-145, deemed  
17 appropriate to participate by the Department of Administrative Services.

18           (4) The Department of Administrative Services shall electronically  
19 submit a report with the results of the evaluation to the Legislature and  
20 the Governor on or before November 15, 2022. Such report shall include  
21 recommendations for improvements to the state's procurement policies and  
22 practices.

23           Sec. 2.   Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
24 passed and approved according to law.