

**SB 20 84R - State Contracting**  
**Senator Jane Nelson**

- Requires the Comptroller to study the feasibility and cost of centralizing contracting;
- Requires State Auditor to focus on HHSC audits for contracts \$100 million plus.
- Enhances the Centralized Accounting and Payment/Personnel System (CAPPS) in the Comptroller's Office, making it a true statewide contracting database requiring the input of solicitation and contracting documents, statements of work, and other relevant contracting documents;
- Requires reporting to CAPPS justification for each contract amendment or extension that increases a contract by \$10m or 20%;
- Increases the scrutiny on vendor performance and consequences for bad performance in vendor debarment considerations;
- Enhances the use of the Comptroller's Vendor Performance Management System, requiring agencies to report contract performance to the Vendor Performance Management System, the Comptroller to grade the vendor's performance, and for agencies to reference the System before entering into contracts;
- Strengthens the oversight of "best value" criteria;
- Requires researchers at public universities to disclose donors who contribute more than 50% in grants to fund a specific research project.
- For \$1m plus contracts, requires agency head signature and progress reports;
- For \$5m plus contracts, requires verification of procurement process and notification of potential issues;
- Prohibits conflict of interest between agency leadership and vendors.
- Requires contracts and related planning documentation to be kept for life of contract plus 7 years;
- Requires agencies to develop contracting handbooks and develop risk analysis;
- Requires agencies to submit price bids to a minimum number of vendors for Cooperative Contracts at DIR, and caps DIR Cooperative Contracts at \$1 million