

HB 1705 -- Vocational Enterprises Program

Sponsor: Cooper (158)

This bill allows state agencies to purchase goods or services from outside the Vocational Enterprises Program within the Department of Corrections if it is determined that existing Missouri businesses can provide the goods or services. State agencies will be required to determine whether the program can best meet the agency's needs in terms of price, quality, and time. If it is determined that goods or services from the program are not the best available, the agency will purchase the goods or services on a competitive basis.

The bill defines "Missouri business" as a company based in Missouri employing at least 20 full-time employees.