

HB 352 -- STATE PURCHASING AND PRINTING

This bill increases the current five-point bonus bidding preference given by the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to a 10-point bonus for products and services manufactured, purchased, or assembled in qualified nonprofit organizations for the blind and in sheltered workshops if the nonprofit organization provides the greater of 2% or \$5,000 of the total contract amount for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.

Currently, sheltered workshops receive \$13 per standard work day worked by a handicapped employee. For Fiscal Year 2008, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will pay each sheltered workshop \$75 per standard work week worked by a handicapped employee and \$15 per standard work day for work performed by handicapped employees in excess of the standard work week. For Fiscal Year 2009, the weekly per-worker amount is increased to \$85 and the daily per-worker amount to \$17; for Fiscal Year 2010, \$90 per week and \$18 per day; and for Fiscal Year 2011 and thereafter, \$95 per week and \$19 per day.