

## HB137 INTRODUCED



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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5                   Under existing law, the Contract Review  
6                   Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee reviews  
7                   contracts for personal or professional services with  
8                   private entities and individuals which are paid out of  
9                   state funds. A contract is exempt from review by the  
10                  committee if the head of the contracting agency  
11                  declares that an emergency adversely affecting public  
12                  health, public safety, or public welfare exists.

13                  This bill would require the Governor, for  
14                  contracts with executive branch agencies, to justify  
15                  the emergency in order to exempt the contracts from  
16                  contract review.

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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23                  Relating to contract review; to amend Section  
24 29-2-41.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to impose additional  
25 requirements before certain contracts may be considered  
26 emergency contracts exempt from review by the Contract Review  
27 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29                   Section 1. Section 29-2-41.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
30                   amended to read as follows:

31                   "§29-2-41.1

32                   (a) In case of an emergency adversely affecting public  
33                   health, public safety, or public welfare of the state, so  
34                   declared in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer or the  
35                   head of a purchasing agency, as defined under Section  
36                   41-4-114, setting forth the nature of the danger to public  
37                   health, public safety, or public welfare of the state,  
38                   contracts may be let to the extent necessary to meet the  
39                   emergency without review by the committee.

40                   (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), for any contract  
41                   where the purchasing agency is in the executive branch, in  
42                   addition to the written declaration required under subsection  
43                   (a), a contract may be let to the extent necessary to meet an  
44                   emergency without review by the committee only if the  
45                   Governor, prior to the contract going into effect, certifies  
46                   to the committee that the nature of the danger to public  
47                   health, public safety, or public welfare justifies the need  
48                   for an emergency contract. For purposes of this subsection,  
49                   executive branch agencies include all licensing boards.

50                   (c) Any contract let pursuant to this section involving  
51                   an emergency adversely affecting the public welfare of the  
52                   state shall be let for a period of not more than 60 days  
53                   during which time the committee shall review a contract for a  
54                   longer period of time if such services are required beyond the  
55                   60-day limit hereby imposed."

56                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

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