

HB 1657 -- State Contracts

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This bill prohibits a state agency from awarding a state contract to a contractor or subcontractor who performs the work outside of the United States. If a contractor or subcontractor shifts the work overseas during the life of the contract, the contractor must pay damages in an amount equal to the amount paid by the agency for the percentage of outsourced work and the agency must also terminate the contract. The state agency is authorized to bring a civil action to compel enforcement and the court must award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the agency.

These provisions do not apply to certain contracts if it would violate specified terms to which the agency consented.