REFERENCE TITLE: public-private partnership contracts

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## SB 1670

Introduced by Senator Gowan

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-2559, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-2559.01; AMENDING SECTION 41-2752, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: 2 Section 1. Section 41-2559, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 41-2559. <u>Public-private partnership contracts</u> 5 A. The director may enter into public-private partnership contracts 6 to finance the technology needs of the purchasing agency. The funding for 7 services under a public-private partnership contract entered into pursuant 8 to this section shall be contingent on and computed according to 9 established performance standards and shall be attributable to the successful implementation of the technology 10 program for the period 11 specified in the contract. The director may issue requests for 12 information and requests for proposals to solicit private partners that 13 are interested in providing programs under a contract entered into pursuant to this section. 14 B. Each request for proposals issued pursuant to this section shall 15 16 require each private partner to propose specific performance improvements and measurement approaches to be used to measure the value delivered by 17 18 the vendor technology solution. The director shall include an assessment of the proposed value of the vendor technology solution in its evaluation 19 20 criteria to select the best value solution for the purchasing agency. 21 C. A contract entered into between the director and an automated 22 systems vendor OR AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY VENDOR shall provide for 23 payment of fees on a contractually specific amount based on the 24 achievement of measured performance improvements that are mutually agreed to by the contractor and the director and monies for payment of these fees 25 26 are not subject to legislative appropriation. The following are subject 27 to review and approval by the director: 1. The terms of contracts entered into pursuant to this section 28 29 relating to the measurement of the performance improvement attributable to 30 the vendor technology program. 31 2. Payment of fees based on the achievement of the established 32 performance measures. 33 D. Before a public-private partnership contract is awarded pursuant to this section, the joint legislative budget committee staff shall be 34 35 consulted with regard to the potential fiscal impact of the contract to 36 the state. If the joint legislative budget committee staff finds a 37 significant negative fiscal impact to the state, the staff shall report 38 its findings to the joint legislative budget committee. 39 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 23, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, 40 is amended by adding section 41-2559.01, to read: 41 41-2559.01. <u>Public-private partnership contracts: procurement</u> officer; joint legislative budget committee 42 43 THE DIRECTOR MAY AUTHORIZE A PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A Α. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT TO DO THE FOLLOWING: 44

FINANCE OR PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, OPERATIONS SERVICES
 AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES OF BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE OR IMPROVEMENTS TO
 OR ON STATE PROPERTY.

4 2. FINANCE OR OTHERWISE FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE 5 PROPERTY.

6 3. DEVELOP PROGRAMS OR SERVICES THAT ENABLE A PURCHASING AGENCY TO 7 EXPAND OR ENHANCE ANY OF ITS OPERATIONS, INCLUDING TRAINING, EMPLOYEE 8 SUPPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE TO ACHIEVE DESIRED RESULTS THAT SERVE THE 9 INTERESTS OF THIS STATE, ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND 10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PURCHASING AGENCY AND ARE BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY A 11 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT.

12 B. A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS 13 SECTION SHALL ONLY RESULT FROM A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY THE PURCHASING AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT PRIVATE PARTNERS INTERESTED IN 14 PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES OR OTHER FUNCTIONS UNDER A 15 16 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. 17 THE DIRECTOR MAY AUTHORIZE A PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR 18 INFORMATION AT ANY TIME PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO FACILITATE THE 19 DEVELOPMENT OF OR MODIFICATIONS TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

20 C. BEFORE ISSUING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 21 B OF THIS SECTION, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER OF THE PURCHASING AGENCY 22 SEEKING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR JUSTIFICATION REGARDING THE REASON THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT 23 24 APPROACH IS BEING SOUGHT AND WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL OR COMPARATIVELY ADVANTAGEOUS OVER OTHER CONTRACTING OPTIONS. THE JUSTIFICATION SHALL ALSO 25 26 INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS THE PURCHASING AGENCY WOULD HAVE UNDER THE PROPOSED PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT AND 27 WHETHER THE PURCHASING AGENCY'S CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER FUNDING 28 29 SOURCES ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THOSE OBLIGATIONS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE IN WRITING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE JUSTIFICATION. IF APPROVED, 30 31 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADDRESS DETAILS REGARDING HOW THE PROCUREMENT IS TO BE SOLICITED AND AWARDED AND ANY LIMITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIRECTOR'S 32 33 APPROVAL.

D. ANY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL 34 REQUIRE EACH RESPONDING POTENTIAL PRIVATE PARTNER TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC 35 36 DETAILS OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, SERVICES, PROGRAMS OR OTHER FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. EACH 37 RESPONDENT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF ITS 38 PROPOSAL TO THIS STATE, ALONG WITH IDENTIFYING METHODS OF FUNDING ITS 39 40 EXPENSES BEYOND ANY STATE FUNDING THAT MAY HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED IN THE 41 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED VALUE OF EACH PROPOSAL AS A COMPONENT WITHIN THE EVALUATION 42 43 CRITERIA DEVELOPED TO SELECT THE BEST SOLUTION. IN ANY RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, POTENTIAL PRIVATE PARTNERS 44 45 MAY NOT ASK THE PURCHASING AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OR THIS STATE TO 1 GUARANTEE FUNDING OR THE SECURING OF FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2 PROPOSAL. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS THAT 3 THE PURCHASING AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OR THIS STATE IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING ALTERNATIVES FOR SOME ASPECT OF THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP, 4 5 POTENTIAL PRIVATE PARTNERS MAY NOT ASK IN ANY RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR 6 PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PURCHASING 7 AGENCY. THE DEPARTMENT OR THIS STATE IN SECURING FUNDING IN CONNECTION 8 WITH THE POTENTIAL PRIVATE PARTNER'S PROPOSAL.

9 E. A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN A PURCHASING AGENCY AND A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER SHALL ADDRESS, IF 10 11 APPLICABLE, THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF ANY FEES BY THE PURCHASING AGENCY TO THE PARTNER BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, MILESTONES 12 13 OR GOALS THAT ARE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE PARTNER AND THE AGENCY DIRECTOR. FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO 14 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION, ALTHOUGH FEE PROVISIONS AND NOTICE OF PAYMENT 15 16 OF FEES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN A 17 TIMELY MANNER.

18 F. A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN A PURCHASING AGENCY AND A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER SHALL ADDRESS, IF 19 20 APPLICABLE, THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF FEES BY THE PARTNER TO THE PURCHASING 21 AGENCY TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD, GOODS, SERVICES, LEASING OF STATE 22 LAND, BUILDINGS OR SPACE OR OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTNERSHIP THAT ARE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE PARTNER AND THE PURCHASING AGENCY 23 24 DIRECTOR. MONIES OBTAINED BY THE PURCHASING AGENCY FROM THE PARTNER FROM ANY SUCH FEES SHALL BE SEPARATELY ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE PURCHASING AGENCY 25 26 AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AS LONG AS THEY ARE USED FOR MEETING THE OBLIGATIONS OF THIS STATE OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE 27 PARTNERSHIP. FEE COLLECTIONS BY A PURCHASING AGENCY FROM A PUBLIC-PRIVATE 28 29 PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT AND EXPENDITURES FROM SUCH COLLECTIONS SHALL BE REPORTED ANNUALLY TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE. 30

G. THE TERM OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT SHALL BE CLEARLY STATED IN ANY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PURCHASING AGENCY, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. THE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION FOR CONTRACT LENGTH SHALL BE BASED ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

36 1. THE REQUEST OF THE PURCHASING AGENCY INVOLVED FOLLOWING A 37 CONSULTATION.

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2. INFORMATION GATHERED ON MATTERS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

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(a) REQUIRED LEAD TIME BEFORE OPERATIONS.

40 (b) EXPECTED TIME REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE A REASONABLE RETURN ON ANY
 41 INVESTMENTS MADE OR EXPENSES INCURRED RESULTING FROM A SIMILAR CONTRACT.

42 (c) THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED AVAILABILITY OF POTENTIAL VENDORS 43 THAT CAN ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE SCOPE OF ENVISIONED WORK.

44 (d) THE COSTS AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SHORT CONTRACT TIME FRAMES45 OR MULTIPLE RENEWAL PERIODS.

1 Н. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION, IF THE DIRECTOR 2 DETERMINES IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS STATE, THE DIRECTOR MAY 3 EXTEND, ON MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VENDOR, THE LENGTH OF A 4 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT BEYOND WHAT WAS STATED IN THE REQUEST 5 FOR PROPOSALS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION TO A NEW VENDOR RESULTING FROM 6 A NEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR ANY OTHER ALLOWABLE PROCESS OR DECISION FOR 7 CONTRACT TERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT. THE TERMS OF 8 ANY EXTENSION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SHARED WITH THE JOINT 9 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE BEFORE THE EXECUTION OF THE EXTENSION. IF 10 THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF FINDS A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE 11 FISCAL IMPACT TO THIS STATE, THE STAFF SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE 12 JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

13 I. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS 14 SECTION SHALL ADDRESS THE OWNERSHIP OF ANY INFRASTRUCTURE OR BUILDINGS DEVELOPED AND CONSTRUCTED DURING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. 15

16 J. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS 17 SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION WITHIN THE CONTRACTED TIME FRAME FOR 18 THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AS LONG AS THE MODIFICATION FITS INTO THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM WHICH THE 19 20 CONTRACT WAS AWARDED. IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT MODIFICATIONS 21 INVOLVE NEW CONSTRUCTION THAT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED REQUIRED MAINTENANCE OR 22 IMPROVEMENTS, NEW SERVICES OR OTHER NEW FUNCTIONS NOT CONTEMPLATED IN THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, A NEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE 23 24 ISSUED. IF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT INVOLVES THE USE OF 25 MILITARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY, 26 THE USE BY THE PURCHASING AGENCY OF NEW OR UPDATED AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES, 27 EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY OR THE EXPANSION OF BUILDINGS, AIRFIELDS OR TRAINING AREAS TO ACCOMMODATE NEW OR UPDATED AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT 28 29 OR TECHNOLOGY, THAT USE OR EXPANSION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN 30 CONTEMPLATED IN THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

31 K. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS INVOLVING 32 PAYMENT OF NEW OR INCREASED FEES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT OF 33 THE CONTRACT ON THIS STATE. IF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE 34 35 STAFF FINDS A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT TO THIS STATE, THE STAFF 36 SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

37 L. THE DIRECTOR MAY DELEGATE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION TO A PURCHASING AGENCY SEEKING A 38 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT. REGARDLESS OF ANY DELEGATION, BOTH 39 40 OF THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR: 41

1. THE TERMS OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

PAYMENT OF FEES BY THIS STATE BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ANY 42 2. 43 PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED IN THE CONTRACT.

M. BEFORE A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT IS AWARDED PURSUANT 44 45 TO THIS SECTION, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL BE CONSULTED

1 WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CONTRACT TO THIS STATE. IF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF FINDS A SIGNIFICANT 2 3 NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT TO THIS STATE, THE STAFF SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS 4 TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE. 5 N. A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT EXECUTED PURSUANT TO THIS 6 SECTION MAY NOT: 7 1. CAUSE THIS STATE TO SHARE IN THE LIABILITIES OF THE PRIVATE 8 SECTOR PARTNER. 9 2. EXEMPT THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER FROM STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS 10 UNLESS SUCH AN EXEMPTION IS SPECIFIED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE. 11 3. INVOLVE MANUFACTURING A GOOD OR DELIVERING A SERVICE THAT IS 12 ALREADY READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH EXISTING CONTRACT 13 MECHANISMS UNLESS THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS 14 REQUIRED TO ADDRESS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING: 15 (a) AN EXISTING OR PROJECTED SHORTFALL IN SUPPLY OR AVAILABILITY OF 16 THE GOOD OR SERVICE. 17 (b) A LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY, TECHNICAL CAPACITY OR VOLUME OF REQUIRED 18 PRODUCTION OR SERVICE THAT EXISTING CONTRACT MECHANISMS CANNOT PROVIDE 19 PHYSICALLY OR CANNOT OFFER AT COSTS CONSISTENT WITH AN AGENCY'S 20 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. 21 O. IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT, A 22 PURCHASING AGENCY SHALL ALREADY POSSESS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO PROCURE THE GOODS, SERVICES OR CONSTRUCTION IT IS SEEKING. THIS SECTION ALONE DOES 23 24 NOT PROVIDE ANY AGENCY WITH THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO PROCURE GOODS, SERVICES 25 OR CONSTRUCTION. 26 Sec. 3. Section 41-2752, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 27 read: 28 41-2752. State competition with private enterprise 29 prohibited; exceptions; definition 30 A. A state agency shall not engage in the manufacturing, 31 processing, sale, offering for sale, rental, leasing, delivery, dispensing, distributing or advertising of goods or services to the public 32 that are also offered by private enterprise unless specifically authorized 33 by law other than administrative law and executive orders. 34 35 B. A state agency shall not offer or provide goods or services to 36 the public for or through another state agency or a local agency, 37 including by intergovernmental or interagency agreement, in violation of 38 this section or section 41-2753. 39 C. The restrictions on activities that compete with private 40 enterprise contained in this section do not apply to: 41 1. The development, operation and management of state parks, 42 historical monuments and hiking or equestrian trails. 43 2. Correctional industries established and operated by the state department of corrections if the prices charged for products sold by the 44 45 correctional industries are not less than the actual cost of producing and 1 marketing the product plus a reasonable allowance for overhead and 2 administrative costs.

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3. The office of tourism.

4 4. The Arizona highways magazine, operated by the department of 5 transportation.

5. Printing and distributing information to the public if the agency is otherwise authorized to do so, and printing or copying public records or other material relating to the public agency's public business and recovering through fees and charges the costs of such printing, copying and distributing.

6. The department of public safety.

12 7. The construction, maintenance and operation of state 13 transportation facilities.

14 8. The development, distribution, maintenance, support, licensing,
15 leasing or sale of computer software by the department of transportation.

9. Agreements executed by the Arizona health care cost containment system administration with other states to design, develop, install and operate information technology systems and related services or other administrative services pursuant to section 36-2925.

10. Agreements executed by the department of economic security with other states to design, develop, install and operate support collection technology systems and related services. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, monies received pursuant to this paragraph in the public assistance collections fund established by section 46-295.

11. Educational, vocational, treatment, training or work programs of the department of juvenile corrections and contracts between the department of juvenile corrections and this state, a political subdivision of this state or a private entity in order to provide employment or vocational educational experience.

31 12. The aflatoxin control technologies of the cotton research and 32 protection council.

13. The lease or sublease of lands or buildings by the department
 of economic security pursuant to section 41-1958.

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14. The Arizona commerce authority.

36 15. The Arizona game and fish commission, but only for the sale of 37 goods or services and not firearms.

38 16. The lease or sublease of lands or buildings by the department 39 of child safety pursuant to section 8-460.

40 17. Agreements executed by the department of child safety with 41 other states to design, develop, install and operate support collection 42 technology systems and related services. The department shall deposit, 43 pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, monies received pursuant to this 44 paragraph in the child safety collections fund established by section 45 8-461. 1 18. The lease or sublease of state hospital lands or buildings by 2 the department of health services.

3 19. The sale or lease of software, computer systems or intellectual 4 property developed by the department of education or associated services 5 provided for the sale or lease of software, computer systems or 6 intellectual property by the department of education. The department 7 shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, sixty percent of 8 the profit from the monies generated pursuant to this paragraph in the 9 state general fund and the remaining forty percent in the department of 10 education intellectual property fund established by section 15-231.04. 11 The department of education may not transfer or expend monies or personnel 12 resources for the purposes of marketing or soliciting goods or services 13 authorized pursuant to this paragraph that were appropriated and 14 authorized for other functions and programs of the department of 15 education.

16 20. The lease or sublease of any real estate or related 17 infrastructure by the department of emergency and military affairs 18 pursuant to section 26-262, subsection K, paragraph 4.

19 21. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS AWARDED PURSUANT Τ0 20 SECTIONS 41-2559 AND 41-2559.01.

21 D. The restrictions on activities that compete with private 22 enterprise contained in subsection A of this section do not apply to 23 community colleges and universities under the jurisdiction of a governing 24 board.

25 E. For the purposes of this section, "profit" means any monies 26 generated from the sale or lease of goods and services after accounting for the costs paid by this state, including appropriations from the state 27 28 general fund.

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Sec. 4. Exemption from rulemaking

30 Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of this act, the 31 department of administration is exempt from the rulemaking requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for eighteen months after 32 33 the effective date of this act. Notwithstanding this exemption, the 34 department of administration shall issue proposed rules and hold at least one public meeting regarding the proposed rules not earlier than one month 35 36 after issuing the proposed rules.

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## Sec. 5. Emergency

This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the 38 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by 39 40 law.