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An Act To Improve Purchasing for the Department of Corrections

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRS §1403, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 583, §4, is amended to read:

11. Contracting agent. The chief administrative officer is the contracting agent for all sales of articles from a correctional facility and for all other contracts made on behalf of the correctional facility except those made by the State Purchasing Agent. Notwithstanding Title 5, chapter 155, the chief administrative officer may enter into a contract for the purchase of materials used in the manufacture of products for sale to the public or through contract bids in a prison industries program at the correctional facility supervised by that chief administrative officer.

A. All contracts must be made in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

B. A contract may not be accepted by the chief administrative officer, unless the contractor gives satisfactory security for its performance.

C. An employee of the correctional facility may not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the chief administrative officer of a correctional facility to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials used in the manufacture of products for sale to the public or through contract bids in a prison industries program at the correctional facility supervised by that chief administrative officer.