By Senator Albritton

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Statewide Procurement Efficiency Task Force; creating the task force to evaluate procurement laws and policies and make specified recommendations; specifying membership of the task force; providing meeting requirements; providing for administrative and technical support of the task force; requiring task force members to serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for the termination of the task force; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. There is created the Statewide Procurement Efficiency Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness and value of state and local procurement laws and policies to the taxpayers of this state; and for determining where inconsistencies exist in such laws and policies.

(1) The task force is composed of the following 14 members:
(a) The Secretary of Management Services, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force.
(b) Seven members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
1. One county government official.
2. One municipal government official.
3. One district school board member.
4. One professional engineer licensed under chapter 471, Florida Statutes.

5. One general contractor as defined in s. 489.105(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

6. The chairs of the governing boards of two water management districts.

(c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as follows:

1. A member of the House of Representatives.

2. An attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and has expertise in procurement law.

(d) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, as follows:

1. A member of the Senate.

2. An attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and has expertise in procurement law.

(e) The Chief Financial Officer, or his or her designee who must be an employee of the Department of Financial Services.

(f) The state chief information officer, or his or her designee.

(2) Task force members must be appointed by July 31, 2019.

By August 31, 2019, the task force shall meet to establish procedures for the conduct of its business and to elect a vice chair. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair. A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum, which is necessary for the purpose of voting on any action or recommendation of the task force. All meetings must be held in Tallahassee, unless otherwise decided by the task force; however, no more than two such meetings may be held in other
locations for the purpose of taking public testimony.

Administrative and technical support must be provided by the Department of Management Services. Task force members shall serve without compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem or travel expenses.

(3) The task force must submit a final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2020. The report must, at a minimum, include recommendations for consideration by the Legislature to promote procurement efficiency, streamline procurement policies, establish best management practices, and encourage increased use of state term contracts.

(4) The task force is terminated upon the submission of its final report.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.