

**Subject** Conflict-free minerals

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## Overview

This bill prohibits a state agency from knowingly purchasing supplies or services from a person who is not in compliance with federal laws governing the disclosure of information about their connection to “conflict minerals.” In particular, this requirement covers minerals that originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its neighboring countries. The bill further requires the agency to include notice of this requirement in any solicitation for supplies or services.

A “conflict mineral” is defined in the bill, and means a mineral or mineral derivative that finances human conflict, as determined by federal law. Examples of these types of minerals include coltan, cassiterite, gold, and wolframite.