#### IN THE

# House of Commons



 $J_{\rm UNE~10^{TH}}$  · the gentlemen, leo cavinder, submits the following bill for consideration; which was held at the desk.

 $J_{ULY\ 13^{TH}} - \textbf{REFERRED\ TO} \boldsymbol{\longleftarrow}$ 

COMMITTEE ON RULES & REFORM

# HR 30

# BILL

to

establish basic standards for a contractor, require references from contractors, treat a contractor as a nominated position, establishes a lawful contract, establish contractor specific crimes and their punishments, and establishes the payment process for contractors.

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BE IT ENACTED by this House of Commons, in this present, assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

#### 1 SECTION 1. Title.

- 2 This Act may be cited as "The Contractor Standards and
- 3 Accountability Act (CSAA)".
- 4 SECTION 2. Standards and nomination.
- 5 (a) BASIC STANDARDS.—A Contractor may only be
- 6 considered and employed by the House if all of the
- 7 following standards are met:
- 8 (1) The Contractor is insured;
- 9 (2) The Contractor is bonded;
- 10 (3) The Contractor is not retired nor receives any
- form of Social Security benefits;
- 12 (4) The Contractor does not have plans to commit
- any crime against the House; and
- 14 (5) Be a resident or be primarily employed in the
- 15 State of Indiana.
- 16 (b) REFERENCES.—The Committee on Rules & Reform
- must receive two (2) references within two (2) years of
- 18 date of nomination.
- 19 (c) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD.—All Contractors and
- 20 Assistants are bound to provide a Limited Criminal
- 21 History record by the Indiana State Police within thirty
- 22 (30) days from the date of nomination under the
- 23 reasoning for applied for employment with an individual.

<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li><li>26</li><li>27</li><li>28</li></ul>	(d) DISQUALIFICATION STANDARD.—It shall be in the Speaker's discretion if a contractor or an assistant should be disqualified if a criminal record exists; however must not solely be on any protected rights under State and Federal law.
29 30	(i) The House shall not be subject to reimbursement under § 1(c) of the Act.
31 32 33	(e) CONSIDERED AS A NOMINATION.—The Contractor is considered as a nominated position as set under Section (a)(4) of Rule XIX of the Rules of the House.
34 35 36 37	(i) The Speaker's communication on this nomination, as required under Section (c) of Rule XIX, shall be referred to the Committee on Rules & Reform.
38 39 40	(ii) The Speaker may only call up this nomination if all requirements are met and verified by the Committee on Rules & Reform.
41 42	(iii) Under Section (h) of Rule XIX, this nomination is not confined to Members of the House.
43 44 45 46	(f) APPOINTMENT.—The Committee on Rules & Reform shall receive the nomination from the Speaker of the House and verify all requirements and references are met as described in this Section of the Act.
47 48 49	(i) An appointment shall only happen when the House passes a renovation bill and a contract has been proposed by the Contractor.
50 51 52 53 54 55 56	(g) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—The Committee, upon verification of requirements, shall discharge consideration on the House Floor. The Committee does not take a vote on the nomination. The Committee must report its results within thirty (30) days from the date of nomination stating if the person meets the requirements under this Act.
57 58 59	(h) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OR REFERENCES.—Anyone who fails to met either the requirements in subsection (a) or references in subsection

60 61	(b), or any other requirement as set in this Act, shall be considered as disqualified to serve in the nominated role.			
62	(j) APPLICIABILITY. —			
63 64	(i) This Section shall only apply to further contractors from the date of enactment.			
65 66	(ii) ASSISTANTS OR HELPERS.—The assistant shall be subject, but not limited, to the following:			
67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80	<ol> <li>(1) INSURED AND BONDED.—The assistant must either be personally insured and bonded, or via his contractor.</li> <li>(2) SOCIAL SECURITY.— The assistant must prove that he does not receive any form of social security benefits; unless they met the exemption clause in § 5(d) of this Act.</li> <li>(3) ACTIONS.—The assistant may be found in violation of Crimes as described in § 3 of this Act.</li> <li>(4) PAYMENT.—The assistant is not subject to payment by the House.</li> <li>(5) NOMINATION.—The assistant is not</li> </ol>			
81 82 83 84	subject to nomination.  (6) DEFENTION.— "Assistant" is defined as any helper or person who provides help to a Contractor.			
85 86 87 88	(iii) This Section does apply to any previous contractors, unless the House votes unanimously to suspend the requirements in light of previous experience.			
89 90 91	(i) If the House does not get the votes to suspend the rules, it does not disqualify the appointment.			
92 93 94 95 96	(k) CONTRACT.—The House must verify that the Contract presented by the Contractor meets all state and federal laws and provides complete details. A vote on the nomination cannot take place until this section is satisfied.			

97	SECTION 3. Crimes.
98 99	(a) The following actions shall be considered as an unlawful act under the Criminal Code Act ( <i>Pub. L. 221-</i>
100	13) and subject to punishment:
101 102 103 104	(1) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—It shall be unlawful for a Contractor or an Assistant to the Contractor to not purposefully comply with a written or verbal order from any Member of the House.
105 106 107 108	(2) DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.—It shall be unlawful for a Contractor or an Assistant to the Contractor to damage any personal or House property.
109	(b) PUNISHMENT.—
110 111 112	(i) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE.—The Speaker and the Sergeant-at-Arms have the authority to issue all punishments warranted (HCC § 1-1-9).
113	(ii) GENERAL CONSEQUENCES.—
114 115 116 117	(1) SUSPENSION OF WORK.—The House may suspend a Contractor from working, with or without pay, for up to thirty (30) days.
118 119 120 121	(2) FINANCIAL DEDUCTION.—The House may deduct money granted to the Contractor up to the amount of no more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.
122 123 124	(ii) SPECIFIC OWES DUE.—Under subsection (a)(2), the House may, if deemed warranted, take the Contractor to Court in order to collect the funds
125 126 127	necessary to repair the damages if there is a lack of payment within thirty (30) days from the date of damage ( <i>Cavinder</i> , et al v. Neal (2022));
128 129 130	notwithstanding the Criminal Code Act ( <i>Pub. L.</i> 221-13) and the Storm Damage Act ( <i>Pub. L.</i> 212-02).

131 132 133	(iii) TERMINIATION.—If so warranted, the House may terminate a Contractor if the House consents to such termination.
134 135 136	(i) A Contractor is considered to be automatically terminated upon completion of all renovations requested by the House.
137	SECTION 4. Payment procedures.
138 139 140 141 142	(a) REQUEST FOR RESOURCES.—The Contractor will ask the House for resources needed to complete a Renovation Act. With consent of the Speaker, the House will purchase resources deemed necessary for the completion of the Act.
143 144 145 146	(i) EXCEPTION TO CLAUSE.—A Contractor may purchase on his own money resources needed for the House if they are under five hundred dollars (\$500) and may ask to be reimbursed. If the Speaker concurs, he shall be reimbursed.
147 148 149	(i) All parties are bound to report their earnings to the IRS for tax purposes. Failure is subject to removal and referral to the IRS.
150	SECTION 5. Management.
151 152 153	(a) The Speaker, in coordination with the Clerk, shall manage the process of collecting all required documents from the contractor and the assistant(s).
154 155	(b) This may include the creation of forms for the contractor and/or the assistant to complete.
156 157 158	(c) ENSURING BASIC STANDARDS MET.—The Clerk shall ensure that all basic standards as described in § 1 of this Act are met with reasonable proof.
159 160 161 162 163	(d) ASSUMED STANDARDS MET CLAUSE.—If the individual is below the age of fifty-five and one-half (55 and ½), the Contractor or the Assistant shall be considered to not be retired nor have received any social security benefits.
164 165	(i) The House may ask for the Contractor or the Assistant age for this sole purpose.



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