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SYNOPSIS

Requires Division of Purchase and Property to issue annual report on public contracts awarded to women-owned and minority-owned businesses; requires Division of Revenue to operate Selective Assistance Vendor Information (SAVI) database.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning minority-owned, women-owned businesses,
2 and small businesses and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of
9 the Treasury shall receive and analyze the information compiled by
10 the division's Chief Diversity Officer and, utilizing these data,
11 submit an annual report to the Governor, and to the Legislature in
12 accordance with section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the
13 awarding of contracts to minority-owned and women-owned
14 business enterprises, including but not limited to:

15 (1) the total number of minority-owned and women-owned
16 business enterprises that applied to request for proposals compared
17 to the total number of all small business enterprises that applied to
18 request for proposals;

19 (2) the total number of contracts awarded to minority-owned
20 and women-owned business enterprises;

21 (3) the total value of all contracts awarded and the average value
22 of all contracts awarded to minority-owned and women-owned
23 business enterprises; and

24 (4) the percentage of the value of those contracts awarded to
25 minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises compared
26 to the value of all contracts awarded to small business enterprises.

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28 2. The Division of Revenue in the Department of Treasury
29 shall be responsible for the administration, operation, and continued
30 development of the central registry, known as the New Jersey
31 Selective Assistance Vendor Information (SAVI) database, which
32 compiles businesses that are registered as a small business
33 enterprise, including businesses certified as a minority-owned or
34 women-owned business enterprise with the State of New Jersey.
35 The purpose of the database shall be to identify businesses eligible
36 for mandated State programs such as the New Jersey Small
37 Business Set Aside program, and to aid in matching buyers and
38 vendors for contracting opportunities.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires the Division of Purchase and Property in the
46 Department of the Treasury to issue an annual report on public
47 contracts awarded to women-owned and minority-owned
48 businesses. This bill requires the Division of Revenue to

1 administer, operate, and continue to develop the Selective
2 Assistance Vendor Information (SAVI) database in the Division of
3 Revenue.

4 Currently, the Chief Diversity Officer in the Division of
5 Purchase and Property is required to monitor the State's public
6 contracting process for the purpose of compiling information on the
7 awarding of contracts to minority-owned and women-owned
8 business enterprises, the total value of all contracts and the
9 percentage of the value of those contracts awarded to minority-
10 owned and women-owned business enterprises. This bill would
11 require the division to issue an annual report to the Governor and
12 the Legislature utilizing the information compiled by the Chief
13 Diversity Officer.

14 The SAVI database currently compiles businesses that are
15 registered as a small business enterprise, including businesses
16 certified as a minority-owned or women-owned business enterprise
17 with the State of New Jersey. The purpose of the database is to
18 identify businesses eligible for mandated State programs such as the
19 New Jersey Small Business Set Aside program, and to aid in
20 matching buyers and vendors for contracting opportunities.