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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires public agency receiving State funds to post on website use of State funds for public work contracts with minority, women, and veteran owned businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning public work contracts with minority, women,
2 and veteran owned businesses and supplementing P.L.1952, c.9
3 (C.34:11-56.1 et seq.).
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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. a. A public agency that is receiving State funds for the
9 purpose of public work shall post on its main website for public
10 inspection an accounting of how much of those funds were used for
11 public work contracts in which the public agency contracted with
12 businesses owned by minorities, women, and veterans. The
13 accounting shall also provide how much of those funds were used in
14 public work contracts in which the public agency contracted with
15 other businesses that are not owned by minorities, women, or
16 veterans. The accounting required to be posted on the main website
17 of the public agency pursuant to this section shall be updated
18 monthly. Whenever a public agency does not maintain a website,
19 the information shall be forwarded by the public agency to the
20 Department of Labor and Workforce Development and posted on
21 that department's main website, which shall be updated monthly.

22 b. Each public agency shall forward the information required
23 by this section to the Department of Labor and Workforce
24 Development by the first day of each month, and the department
25 shall, on an annual basis, beginning one year following the effective
26 date of this act, submit to the Governor, and to the Legislature
27 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), a report that
28 summarizes each public agency's use of State funds for public work
29 and how much of those funds were used for contracts with businesses
30 owned by minorities, women, and veterans.

31 c. As used in this section:

32 "Public agency" means any of the principal departments in the
33 Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board,
34 bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or
35 created by such department; the Legislature of the State and any
36 office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the
37 Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority,
38 commission, instrumentality or agency, including any public
39 institution of higher education. The term also means any political
40 subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions,
41 and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other
42 instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the
43 State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent
44 authority, commission, instrumentality or agency created by a
45 political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.

46 "Public work" means public work as defined in section 2 of
47 P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.26) and which is subject to the

1 provisions of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.). Public work
2 shall not include the provision of goods or products.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill requires a public agency that is receiving State funds for
10 the purpose of public work to post on its main website for public
11 inspection an accounting of how much of those funds were used for
12 public work contracts in which the public agency contracted with
13 businesses to owned by minorities, women, and veterans. The
14 accounting will also provide how much of those funds were used
15 for public work contracts in which the public agency contracted
16 with other businesses that are not owned by minorities, women, or
17 veterans, and the accounting is required to be updated monthly.

18 Whenever a public agency does not maintain a website, the
19 information shall be forward by the public agency to the
20 Department of Labor and Workforce Development and posted on
21 that department's main website, which shall be updated monthly.

22 The bill also requires the Department of Labor and Workforce
23 Development, on an annual basis, to submit a report that summarizes
24 each public agency's use of State funds for public work and how much
25 of those funds went to contracts with businesses owned by minorities,
26 women, and veterans.