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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT authorizing the State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct a
2 disparity study concerning the utilization of minority-owned and
3 women-owned businesses in the State procurement process and
4 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Chief Diversity Officer shall conduct a study concerning
10 the utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in the
11 procurement of goods and services for State agencies to determine
12 whether disparities exist in the availability and utilization of minority-
13 owned and women-owned businesses.

14 b. Within ¹**[one year]** 18 months¹ after the date of enactment of
15 this act, the Chief Diversity Officer shall prepare and submit to the
16 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
17 to the Legislature, a report containing the study's findings and
18 recommendations for legislative or other actions that can be taken to
19 promote opportunities for minority-owned and women-owned business
20 enterprises in the procurement of goods and services for State
21 agencies.

22 c. The Chief Diversity Officer may prepare and submit additional
23 reports as the officer deems appropriate, and each report, with the
24 exception of the first report prepared under this section, shall
25 additionally identify the extent to which the officer's prior
26 recommendations have been successfully implemented and the
27 apparent impact that the implementation of such recommended
28 changes have had on the procurement of goods and services for State
29 agencies in the preceding years. ¹Every four years following the
30 issuance of the first report the officer shall report to the Legislature
31 whether a study concerning the utilization of minority-owned and
32 women-owned businesses in the procurement of goods and services
33 for State agencies is needed and may request an appropriation of
34 funding for the study to be included in the next following annual
35 appropriations act.¹

36 d. For purposes of this section, "State agency" means any of the
37 principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State
38 government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or
39 other instrumentality within or created by such department, the
40 Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission
41 within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State
42 authority, commission, instrumentality or agency which is authorized
43 by law to award public contracts.

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.