

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 3 (As amended by A05835)

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 11 and 12
2 (A05835)

3 Section 712. Diversity goals.

4 Amend Bill, page 26, by inserting between lines 5 and 6
5 (A05835)

6 Section 712. Diversity goals.

7 (a) Goals.--It is the intent and goal of the General
8 Assembly that the department promote and ensure diversity and
9 the participation by diverse groups in the activities authorized
10 under this act. In order to further this goal, the department
11 shall adopt and implement policies or guidelines ensuring the
12 following:

13 (1) That diverse groups are accorded equal opportunity
14 in the registration process, either directly as applicants or
15 registrants or through ownership interests in applicants or
16 registrants.

17 (2) That registrants promote the participation of
18 diverse groups in the registrants' operations by affording
19 equal access to employment opportunities.

20 (b) Duties of department.--To facilitate participation by
21 diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act, the
22 department shall:

23 (1) Conduct the necessary and appropriate outreach,
24 including, if determined appropriate, consulting with other
25 State agencies, boards and commissions, including the
26 Department of General Services and the Department of State,
27 for the purpose of identifying diverse groups capable of
28 participating in the activities under this act.

29 (2) Provide sufficient and continuous notice of the
30 participation opportunities afforded under this act by
31 publishing notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the
32 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

33 (3) Include in the applications for registration under
34 this act language to encourage applicants to utilize and give
35 consideration to diverse groups for contracting or
36 professional services opportunities.

1 (4) Designate an employee to oversee the efforts adopted
2 by registrants to promote the participation of diverse groups
3 in the activities authorized under this act and comply with
4 the diversity goals of this section.

5 (c) Reports.--No later than March 1, 2018, and each March 1
6 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the
7 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Public Health and
8 Welfare Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority
9 chairperson of the Health Committee of the House of
10 Representatives summarizing the participation and utilization of
11 diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act. The
12 report shall include:

13 (1) The participation level, by percentage, of diverse
14 groups in the activities authorized under this act.

15 (2) A summary of how diverse groups are utilized by
16 registrants, including in the provision of goods or services.

17 (3) Any other information the department deems
18 appropriate.

19 (d) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
20 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
21 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

22 "Disadvantaged business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b)
23 (relating to diverse business participation).

24 "Diverse group." A disadvantaged business, minority-owned
25 business, women-owned business, service-disabled veteran-owned
26 small business or veteran-owned small business that has been
27 certified by a third-party certifying organization.

28 "Minority-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. §
29 303(b).

30 "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business." As defined
31 in 51 Pa.C.S. § 9601 (relating to definitions).

32 "Third-party certifying organization." As defined in 74
33 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).

34 "Veteran-owned small business." As defined in 51 Pa.C.S. §
35 9601.

36 "Women-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).