

SB3447



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 11/9/2016, by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/5-117

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Expands the current reporting requirements for certain utility companies in this State to apply to all suppliers of wind energy, solar energy, hydroelectricity, nuclear energy, and any other supplier of energy within this State.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Section 5-117 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/5-117)

7 Sec. 5-117. Supplier diversity goals.

8 (a) The public policy of this State is to collaboratively
9 work with companies that serve Illinois residents to improve
10 their supplier diversity in a non-antagonistic manner.

11 (b) The Commission shall require all gas, electric, and
12 water companies with at least 100,000 customers under its
13 authority, as well as suppliers of wind energy, solar energy,
14 hydroelectricity, nuclear energy, and any other supplier of
15 energy within this State, to submit an annual report by April
16 15, 2015 and every April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe
17 PDF format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for
18 female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small
19 business enterprises in the previous calendar year. These goals
20 shall be expressed as a percentage of the total work performed
21 by the entity submitting the report, and the actual spending
22 for all female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small
23 business enterprises shall also be expressed as a percentage of

1 the total work performed by the entity submitting the report.

2 (c) Each participating company in its annual report shall
3 include the following information:

4 (1) an explanation of the plan for the next year to
5 increase participation;

6 (2) an explanation of the plan to increase the goals;

7 (3) the areas of procurement each company shall be
8 actively seeking more participation in in the next year;

9 (4) an outline of the plan to alert and encourage
10 potential vendors in that area to seek business from the
11 company;

12 (5) an explanation of the challenges faced in finding
13 quality vendors and offer any suggestions for what the
14 Commission could do to be helpful to identify those
15 vendors;

16 (6) a list of the certifications the company
17 recognizes;

18 (7) the point of contact for any potential vendor who
19 wishes to do business with the company and explain the
20 process for a vendor to enroll with the company as a
21 minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned company; and

22 (8) any particular success stories to encourage other
23 companies to emulate best practices.

24 (d) Each annual report shall include as much State-specific
25 data as possible. If the submitting entity does not submit
26 State-specific data, then the company shall include any

1 national data it does have and explain why it could not submit
2 State-specific data and how it intends to do so in future
3 reports, if possible.

4 (e) Each annual report shall include the rules,
5 regulations, and definitions used for the procurement goals in
6 the company's annual report.

7 (f) The Commission and all participating entities shall
8 hold an annual workshop open to the public in 2015 and every
9 year thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to
10 collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to
11 achieving stated goals, including testimony from each
12 participating entity as well as subject matter experts and
13 advocates. The Commission shall publish a database on its
14 website of the point of contact for each participating entity
15 for supplier diversity, along with a list of certifications
16 each company recognizes from the information submitted in each
17 annual report. The Commission shall publish each annual report
18 on its website and shall maintain each annual report for at
19 least 5 years.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-1056, eff. 8-26-14.)