

# SB2272



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2272

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Celina Villanueva

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 500/45-85 new

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that each chief procurement officer has the authority to designate as employment social enterprises set-asides a fair proportion of construction, supply, and service contracts for award to employment social enterprises in the State. Sets forth provisions administering employment social enterprises set-asides.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 45-85 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 500/45-85 new)

7 Sec. 45-85. Employment social enterprises.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that employment social  
9 enterprises are mission-driven businesses that provide  
10 employment opportunities and supportive services to  
11 individuals facing significant barriers to employment,  
12 including those impacted by incarceration, homelessness, or  
13 disabilities. The General Assembly also finds that employment  
14 social enterprises foster economic inclusion, reduce  
15 recidivism, and strengthen local economies by reinvesting  
16 their profits into workforce development and community support  
17 initiatives. The General Assembly also finds that promoting  
18 employment social enterprises aligns with this State's  
19 commitment to innovation, workforce equity, and economic  
20 resilience.

21 (b) As used in this Section, "employment social  
22 enterprise" means a non-profit or for-profit entity that  
23 provides services or produces or assembles goods and

1 demonstrates a mission to provide employment and social  
2 supports, including on-the-job training and life skills  
3 training, to employees who are individuals with a barrier to  
4 employment. The chief procurement officer shall establish a  
5 detailed definition by rule.

6 (c) Each chief procurement officer has the authority to  
7 designate as employment social enterprises set-asides a fair  
8 proportion of construction, supply, and service contracts for  
9 award to employment social enterprises in this State.  
10 Advertisements for bids or offers for those contracts shall  
11 specify designation as employment social enterprises  
12 set-asides. In awarding the contracts, only bids or offers  
13 from qualified employment social enterprises shall be  
14 considered.

15 (d) For the purpose of subsection (c), for executive State  
16 agencies, a fair proportion of construction contracts shall be  
17 no less than 25% nor more than 40% of the annual total  
18 contracts for construction.

19 (e) An employment social enterprises set-aside designation  
20 may be withdrawn by the purchasing agency when deemed in the  
21 best interests of this State. Upon withdrawal, all bids or  
22 offers shall be rejected, and the bidders or offerors shall be  
23 notified of the reason for rejection. The contract shall then  
24 be awarded in accordance with this Code without the  
25 designation of an employment social enterprises set-aside.

26 (f) By November 1 of each year, each chief procurement

1 officer shall report to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion  
2 on the following for the immediately preceding fiscal year,  
3 and by March 1 of each year, the Commission on Equity and  
4 Inclusion shall compile and report that information to the  
5 General Assembly:

6 (1) the total number of employment social enterprises  
7 and the number of employment social enterprises that  
8 submitted bids for contracts under this Code; and

9 (2) the total number of employment social enterprises,  
10 the number of employment social enterprises that entered  
11 into contracts under this Code, and the total value of  
12 those contracts.