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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2295

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2295 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by changing Section 605-1032 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1032)

8 Sec. 605-1032. Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Eligible not-for-profit corporation" means a
11 not-for-profit corporation, as defined in Section 101.80 of
12 the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, that
13 primarily serves minorities, women, veterans, or persons with
14 a disability.

15 "Employment social enterprise" means a nonprofit or
16 for-profit organization that:

1 (1) demonstrates a mission to provide employment and
2 social supports with on-the-job and life skills training
3 to individuals with a barrier to employment; and

4 (2) provides services or produces or assembles goods,
5 or a combination of both.

6 "Office" means the Office of Economic Equity and
7 Empowerment.

8 (b) The Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment is
9 hereby created within the Department. The Office shall assist
10 minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,
11 veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with
12 disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible
13 not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities
14 and constituencies through targeted programs, resources, and
15 outreach and promotional activities. The Office may engage in
16 or conduct the following activities:

17 (1) promoting and conducting outreach efforts to
18 ensure access to State and federal funding opportunities,
19 and assisting minority-owned businesses, women-owned
20 businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by
21 persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises,
22 eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other
23 underserved communities and constituencies in applying for
24 and receiving loan funds in the State;

25 (2) providing and hosting workshops and public forums
26 and engaging in outreach efforts for minority-owned

1 businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned
2 businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities,
3 employment social enterprises, and other underserved
4 communities and constituencies to encourage participation
5 in programs under the Business Enterprise for Minorities,
6 Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act, and assisting
7 those businesses in becoming designated under that Act and
8 under similar certification programs;

9 (3) providing and hosting workshops and public forums
10 and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate
11 minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,
12 veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with
13 disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible
14 not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved
15 communities and constituencies on the process of applying
16 for and becoming certified to apply for State grant funds
17 under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act;

18 (4) providing and hosting workshops and public forums
19 and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate
20 aspiring and existing minority-owned businesses,
21 women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses,
22 businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment
23 social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations,
24 and other underserved communities and constituencies with
25 understanding concepts including, but not limited to,
26 business formation and not-for-profit incorporation,

1 business planning, capital access, and marketing a
2 business or not-for-profit corporation;

3 (5) administering programs established by the
4 Department or the General Assembly to provide grants to
5 minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses,
6 veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with
7 disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible
8 not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved
9 communities and constituencies;

10 (6) coordinating assistance for minority-owned
11 businesses, woman-owned businesses, veteran-owned
12 businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities,
13 employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit
14 corporations, and other underserved communities and
15 constituencies with other State agencies;

16 (7) providing staff, administration, and related
17 support required to administer this Section; and

18 (8) establishing applications, notifications,
19 contracts, and other forms and procedures, and adopting
20 rules deemed necessary and appropriate.

21 (c) The Office may use vendors or enter into contracts to
22 carry out the purposes of this Section, including, but not
23 limited to, engaging employment social enterprises as service
24 providers for workforce development, business training, and
25 economic empowerment programs.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-889, eff. 1-1-25.)"