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SB2306

Introduced 11/13/2019, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1043 new
20 ILCS 605/605-1045 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Office of Inclusion within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to assist minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Provides that private institutions of higher education approved by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of the Monetary Award Program shall submit supplier diversity reports to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Sections 605-1043 and 605-1045 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1043 new)

8 Sec. 605-1043. Office of Inclusion.

9 (a) The Office of Inclusion is hereby created within the
10 Department. The Office shall assist minority-owned businesses,
11 women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses and
12 businesses owned by persons with disabilities through targeted
13 programs, resources, and outreach and promotional activities.
14 The Office shall engage in or conduct the following activities:

15 (1) promoting and conducting outreach efforts with
16 respect to the making of small business loans pursuant to
17 Section 9-4.3 of the Build Illinois Act and assisting
18 minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,
19 veteran-owned businesses and businesses owned by persons
20 with disabilities in applying for and receiving loan funds
21 under that Act;

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

1 businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned
2 businesses and businesses owned by persons with
3 disabilities to encourage participation in programs
4 authorized by the Business Enterprise for Minorities,
5 Women and Persons with Disabilities Act and the Illinois
6 Procurement Code;

7 (3) providing and hosting workshops and public forums
8 and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate
9 minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,
10 veteran-owned businesses and businesses owned by persons
11 with disabilities on the process of applying for and
12 becoming certified to apply for State grant funds under the
13 Grant Accountability and Transparency Act; and

14 (4) providing and hosting workshops and public forums
15 and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate
16 aspiring and existing minority-owned businesses,
17 women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and
18 businesses owned by persons with disabilities in
19 understanding concepts such as, but not limited to,
20 business formation, business planning, capital access, and
21 marketing a business.

22 (b) In order to facilitate and encourage the growth of
23 supplier diversity, the Office may have at least one employee
24 that serves as a supplier diversity program manager to (i)
25 collect reports and information concerning entities that
26 manage supplier diversity programs and (ii) conduct public

1 workshops focused on specific industries to collaboratively
2 connect diverse enterprises with entities that manage supplier
3 diversity programs. Those workshops shall be modeled after
4 Illinois Commerce Commission hearings for utilities and
5 railroads and shall include a collaborative discussion of filed
6 supplier diversity reports. The program manager shall hold
7 public workshops for relevant industries including, but not
8 limited to, gaming, hospitals, and public and private higher
9 education. Those workshops shall be held on the following
10 schedule:

11 (1) gaming: February;

12 (2) hospitals: April;

13 (3) public and private higher education: July; and

14 (4) Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE)
15 tax credit: September.

16 (c) The Department shall publish a template for supplier
17 diversity reports to be used for EDGE tax credit recipients and
18 private higher education institutions. The reports for private
19 higher education and EDGE tax credit recipients shall contain
20 the following provisions:

21 (1) the name, address, phone number and email address
22 of the point of contact for potential vendors to register
23 with the entity;

24 (2) local, State, or private certifications that the
25 entity accepts or recognizes for minority- and women-owned
26 businesses;

1 (3) the voluntary supplier diversity goals, if any, for
2 the next fiscal year for the entire budget of the entity;

3 (4) for the last fiscal year, the actual contractual
4 spending for the entire budget of the entity and the actual
5 spending for minority-owned and women-owned businesses,
6 expressed both as actual dollars and as a percentage of the
7 total budget for actual spending for the entity;

8 (5) narrative explaining the results of the report and
9 the tactics to be employed to achieve the voluntary goals
10 for the next fiscal year; and

11 (6) the particular areas of spending in the next fiscal
12 year that the entity intends to procure that are most
13 relevant to minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

14 (d) In addition, the Office shall compile and publish on
15 its website a master database for all points of contract,
16 certifications accepted, and links to the most recent supplier
17 diversity reports submitted to the Department under:

18 (1) Section 405-530 of the Department of Central
19 Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
20 Illinois;

21 (2) Section 5.3 of the Illinois Health Facilities
22 Planning Act;

23 (3) Section 8f of the Business Enterprise for
24 Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act;

25 (4) Section 5-57 of the Economic Development for a
26 Growing Economy Tax Credit Act;

1 (5) Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act;

2 (6) Section 12.2 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of
3 1975; and

4 (7) Section 10 of the Railroad Supplier Diversity Act.

5 (e) The Office shall administer programs established by the
6 Department, the General Assembly, or both and shall provide
7 grants to minority-owned business, woman-owned businesses,
8 veteran-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with
9 disabilities. The Office may establish applications,
10 notifications, contracts, and other forms or procedures and may
11 use vendors or contract work to carry out the purposes of this
12 Act. The Office may coordinate assistance for businesses with
13 other State agencies.

14 (f) The Department shall provide staff, administrative
15 support, and related support to the Office as required to
16 administer this Section and may adopt rules to administer this
17 Section.

18 (20 ILCS 605/605-1045 new)

19 Sec. 605-1045. Higher education supplier diversity report.
20 Every private institution of higher education approved by the
21 Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of the
22 Monetary Award Program shall submit a 2-page report on its
23 voluntary supplier diversity program to the Department in the
24 form and manner required by the Department by April 1 of every
25 year. The Department shall hold an annual workshop open to the

1 public with leaders of private institutions of higher education
2 and minority-owned and women-owned businesses in July of every
3 year.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.