



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3485

by Rep. William Davis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Fair Practices in Contracting Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall address the disparity in State procurement awards to African-American-owned businesses. Provides for the composition and administrative support of the Task Force. Provides a schedule of meetings that the Task Force shall follow. Provides that the Task Force shall submit its final report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 31, 2017. Repeals this Act on January 2, 2019.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 WHEREAS, African-Americans represent 14.7% of the total  
3 population of Illinois residents; the unemployment rate for  
4 African Americans in Illinois is projected to be 13.5%, nearly  
5 double the rate for the total State population; and

6 WHEREAS, African-Americans represent 9.5% of the ownership  
7 of total Illinois businesses; the total value of State  
8 contracts awarded to African-American-owned businesses in 2013  
9 was less than 1% of total Central Management Services spending;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Unemployment leads to a decline in communities,  
12 resulting in foreclosures, abandoned buildings, violence,  
13 depression, and poverty; therefore

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

16 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fair  
17 Practices in Contracting Task Force Act.

18 Section 5. Purpose and members.

19 (a) There is created the Fair Practices in Contracting Task  
20 Force to:

1 (1) thoroughly survey African-American-owned business  
2 participation in State procurement;

3 (2) research solutions and methods to address the  
4 disparity in procurement awards; and

5 (3) produce a final report summarizing the Task Force's  
6 findings and detailing recommended statutory or  
7 constitutional strategies to recognize best practices.

8 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
10 of Representatives, 2 of whom must be members of the House  
11 of Representatives and 2 of whom must be members of the  
12 Department of Central Management Services, the Department  
13 of Transportation, or the Department of Health and Family  
14 Services; and

15 (2) Four members appointed by the President of the  
16 Senate, 2 of whom must be members of the Senate and 2 of  
17 whom are from the Department of Central Management  
18 Services, the Department of Transportation, or the  
19 Department of Health and Family Services.

20 (c) Members shall serve without compensation.

21 Section 10. Meetings.

22 (a) The Task Force shall hold its first meeting by March 1,  
23 2016.

24 (b) The Department of Central Management Services shall  
25 assist the Task Force and provide administrative support, but

1 shall have no hand in guiding its direction or ascertaining its  
2 results.

3 (c) The Task Force shall meet quarterly and report its  
4 findings to the General Assembly and the appropriate  
5 committees.

6 (d) The Task Force shall submit its final report to the  
7 General Assembly and the Governor no later than December 31,  
8 2017.

9 Section 15. Repeal date. This Act is repealed on January 2,  
10 2019.