

SENATE BILL 414

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By: **Senators Robinson, Currie, and Madaleno**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs –**
3 **~~Coordination~~ of Small Business Resources and Data Collection**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women
5 Business Affairs to collaborate with certain State entities to identify certain
6 resources available to small businesses and develop a plan to coordinate certain
7 resources with the Office; requiring the Office to report to certain committees of the
8 General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to convene a
9 certain workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding the collection of
10 data by State agencies that may be used to assist small businesses in a certain
11 manner; requiring the workgroup to focus on the types of data that may be collected
12 by certain State agencies; requiring the workgroup to include certain representatives
13 and business owners; requiring the Office to submit a certain report to the Governor
14 and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
15 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Governor's
16 Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs and small businesses.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall:

19 (1) collaborate with the Department of Commerce, the Department of
20 General Services, the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of
21 Transportation, and any other appropriate State entities to identify all State resources
22 available to small businesses and develop a plan to coordinate the resources with the Office;
23 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) on or before December 1, 2018, report on the available resources and
2 the plan to coordinate the resources to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental
3 Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in
4 accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

6 (a) The Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall
7 convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders to study and make recommendations
8 regarding the collection of data by State agencies that may be used to assist small
9 businesses in accessing State resources and bidding on State contracts.

10 (b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall focus on the
11 types of data that may be collected by the following agencies:

12 (1) Department of Human Services;

13 (2) Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation;

14 (3) State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency;

15 (4) Maryland Higher Education Commission;

16 (5) Maryland Stadium Authority;

17 (6) Interagency Committee on School Construction;

18 (7) local departments of social services; and

19 (8) any agency exempt from monitoring by the Governor’s Office of Small,
20 Minority, and Women Business Affairs.

21 (c) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include at
22 least:

23 (1) one representative from the Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of
24 Commerce;

25 (2) three representatives from minority–owned businesses;

26 (3) three representatives from women–owned businesses; and

27 (4) three African American women business owners.

28 (d) On or before December 1, 2018, the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and
29 Women Business Affairs shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with §

1 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental
2 Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee that
3 includes its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to implement its
4 recommendations.

5 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019,
7 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
8 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.