

# SENATE BILL 415

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs – Workgroup**  
3 **to Study Data Collection to Assist Small Businesses**

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

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That:

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

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

22 (1) Department of Human Services;

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

24 (3) State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (4) Maryland Higher Education Commission;
- 2 (5) Maryland Stadium Authority;
- 3 (6) Interagency Committee on School Construction;
- 4 (7) local departments of social services; and
- 5 (8) any agency exempt from monitoring by the Governor's Office of Small,  
6 Minority, and Women Business Affairs.

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

- 9 (1) one representative from the Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of  
10 Commerce;
- 11 (2) three representatives from minority-owned businesses;
- 12 (3) three representatives from women-owned businesses; and
- 13 (4) three African American women business owners.

14 (d) On or before December 1, 2018, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and  
15 Women Business Affairs shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
16 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental  
17 Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee that  
18 includes its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to implement its  
19 recommendations.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this  
22 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
23 further force and effect.