

SB0649/206681/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 649
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 14, after “years;” insert “requiring the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to assign certain staff as required under certain provisions of this Act; requiring a member of the Office staff to be assigned to certain procurement units; requiring each member of the Office staff assigned to a unit under a certain provision of this Act to observe certain procurement processes and ensure that certain goals are met in a certain manner;”; and after line 36, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, in line 8, after “**TO**” insert “**A SOLICITATION FOR**”; and in line 16, strike “**AWARDING A CONTRACT**” and substitute “**ISSUING A SOLICITATION**”.

On page 7, in lines 2, 4, and 16, in each instance, strike “**CONTRACT**” and substitute “**SOLICITATION**”; and in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, strike “**CONTRACTS**” and substitute “**SOLICITATIONS**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, after line 19, insert:

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(A) Subject to the limitations of any law that governs the activities of other units of the Executive Branch of the State government, the Special Secretary shall:

(1) advise the Governor on:

(i) the activities of the State government that are intended to promote the employment of minority persons in the State; and

(ii) each other matter that affects the rights and interests of minority persons and the communities in which they live; [and]

(2) as authorized by the Governor:

(i) provide help to minority persons and the communities in which they live;

(ii) represent the Governor in any matter that relates to minority persons or generally to the promotion of equality among the people of the State; and

(iii) perform any other responsibility that the Governor assigns;

AND

(3) ASSIGN OFFICE STAFF AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) A MEMBER OF OFFICE STAFF SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH UNIT THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ENTER INTO A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE (“MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION”).

(2) EACH STAFF MEMBER ASSIGNED TO A UNIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) OBSERVE THE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES OF THE UNIT, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF BIDS AND OFFERS; AND

(II) ENSURE THAT THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 14-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE ARE MET TO THE BEST OF THE UNIT’S CAPABILITY.”.