



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES  
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**BILL:** **Senate Bill 779 - Commission on Minority- and Women-Owned Small Business Participation in State Procurement**

**COMMITTEE:** House Health and Government Operations

**DATE:** March 17, 2020

**POSITION:** Letter of Information

Department of General Services (DGS) provides this letter of information for Senate Bill 779.

The Commission on Minority- and Women-Owned Small Business Participation in State Procurement is established by Senate Bill 779. The Commission is tasked to:

- Study current State practices concerning small, minority, and women business participation in State procurement contracts;
- Review State practices that have improved outcomes for minority- and women-owned small business enterprises and identify indicators of success between these practices;
- Determine if any statutory or regulatory provisions or State practices prevent minority- and women-owned small business enterprises from effectively competing for State procurement contracts;
- Review best practices of the federal government and other states to improve outcomes for minority- and women-owned small business enterprises in public procurement contracts; and
- Make recommendations regarding best practices for engaging and improving outcomes for minority- and women-owned small business enterprises in State procurement contracts, including suggestions for statutory and regulatory changes and State programs.

The Department of General Services has worked with the Sponsor to draft amendments to clarify and streamline the bill.

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