



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
SMALL, MINORITY & WOMEN  
BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

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*Governor Wes Moore*

*Lt. Governor Aruna Miller*

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DATE: March 29, 2023  
BILL NUMBER: HB 245  
COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
BILL TITLE: Minority Business Enterprise Program - Reporting  
GOSBA POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

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The Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women's Business Affairs (GOSBA) respectfully supports the proposed legislation for the Committee's considerations. GOSBA is currently responsible for producing an annual report that articulates the performance of State procurement units required to participate in the Minority Business Enterprise Program. In lieu of requiring the Office of State Procurement in the Department of General Services to maintain a list of the procurement units required to report, GOSBA believes this responsibility lies within its purview and recommends:

- adding an attestation within GOSBA's annual report to verify that all applicable procurement agencies are represented, and
- ensure accuracy and compliance of the attestation by conducting an audit of the state's Executive Departments every three years regarding compliance with the definition of "procurement agency" as stated in COMAR 21.11.03.03.
- Effective with the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023

GOSBA respectfully requests a favorable report during the committee's consideration of HB245.

Sincerely,

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