
By: **Senator Conway**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement - Minority Business Participation Program - Impact of Goals**
3 **on Nonprofit Entities**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the certification agency designated by the Board of
5 Public Works, in conjunction with the Special Secretary for the Office of
6 Minority Affairs, to examine the Minority Business Participation Program
7 under the State procurement law as it relates to nonprofit entities; requiring the
8 certification agency and the Special Secretary to assess the impact of the goals
9 of the Minority Business Participation Program on nonprofit entities and to
10 submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
11 date; and generally relating to the impact of the goals of the Minority Business
12 Participation Program on nonprofit entities.

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

15 The certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under the
16 State procurement law to certify and decertify minority business enterprises, in
17 conjunction with the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs, shall:

18 (1) examine the Minority Business Participation Program under the
19 State procurement law as it relates to participation by nonprofit entities;

20 (2) assess the impact of the goals of the Minority Business Participation
21 Program on nonprofit entities, particularly on their ability to compete for and be
22 awarded, over the immediately preceding three fiscal years, contracts valued at less
23 than \$200,000 that provide direct services to persons; and

24 (3) on or before December 1, 2005, submit a report, including any
25 findings and recommendations for revisions to the State procurement law or
26 regulations as they relate to the participation of nonprofit entities under the Minority
27 Business Participation Program, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
28 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2005.

