

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S4/4/03
A Bill

SENATE BILL 944

5 By: Senator Steele
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MINORITY
10 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
11 DEVELOPMENT CENTRALIZE THE *REGISTRY* OF MINORITY
12 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES; TO CREATE A MINORITY
13 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES CERTIFICATION PROCESS; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN ACT TO CENTRALIZE THE *REGISTRY* OF
18 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND TO
19 CREATE A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
20 CERTIFICATION PROCESS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4, Subchapter 3 is amended*
26 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

27 *15-4-320. (a) The Division of Minority Business Enterprise of the*
28 *Department of Economic Development shall promulgate rules to create a*
29 *certification process for minority business enterprises.*

30 *(b) The certification process shall include, but not be limited to:*

31 *(1) Criteria for certification that shall include, but not be*
32 *limited to:*

33 *(A) A determination that the business is structured as a*
34 *minority business enterprise;*

35 *(B) Verification of minority ownership and control of the*
36 *business; and*



1 (C) Annual updates indicating continuing minority
2 ownership and control;

3 (2) A formal application process;

4 (3) An education program to assist minority business enterprises
5 in achieving certification; and

6 (4) An outreach to ensure the broadest possible participation of
7 minority business enterprises and persons proposing new minority business
8 enterprises.

9 (c) The Office of Procurement of the Department of Finance and
10 Administration shall cooperate with the division to the fullest extent
11 possible in sharing information concerning certification and registration of
12 minority business enterprises carrying out the purposes of this section.

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14 /s/ Steele
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