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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT ACT; TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE
11 MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; TO AMEND
12 THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES
13 UNDER THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE MINORITY
19 BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND TO
20 AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND
21 PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES UNDER THE MINORITY
22 BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-302(c), concerning the purpose of the
28 Minority Business Economic Development Act, is amended to read as follows:

29 (c)(1) All state agencies shall attempt to ensure that ten percent
30 (10%) of the total amount expended in state-funded and state-directed public
31 construction programs and in the purchase of goods and services for the state
32 each fiscal year is paid to minority business enterprises.

33 (2) In attempting to ensure that the goal stated in subdivision
34 (c)(1) of this section is met, a state agency shall send each request for
35 proposals issued by the state agency to the Division of Minority Business
36 Enterprise of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for distribution



1 to minority business enterprises.

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 3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-312 is amended to read as follows:
 4 15-4-312. State agencies to submit reports.

5 ~~(a) The Minority Business Advisory Council shall require each~~ Within
 6 fifteen (15) days of the close of each three-month period, each state agency
 7 ~~to produce within fifteen (15) days of the close of each three month period~~
 8 shall submit a report to the Minority Business Advisory Council summing up
 9 total procurement for all state contracts, except exempt state contracts of
 10 the state agency, and the dollar value and the percentage of the contracts of
 11 the state agency awarded to minority business enterprises.

12 (b) The council shall submit a report that compiles the information
 13 submitted under subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Council or,
 14 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, by the
 15 twenty-fifth day after the close of each three-month period.

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 17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4, Subchapter 3, is amended
 18 to add an additional section to read as follows:

19 15-4-321. Penalty.

20 A person who purposely violates this subchapter upon conviction is
 21 guilty of a Class D felony.