

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

July 6, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Bichotte Hermelyn) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to direct the empire state development corporation to conduct a study on the feasibility of a minority and women-owned business enterprise capacity mentorship program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. 1. The empire state development corporation shall conduct a
2 study to explore the feasibility of a minority and women-owned business
3 enterprise capacity mentorship program. The study should focus on which
4 agencies and industries would benefit most from such program, the utili-
5 zation of any existing minority and women-owned business enterprise
6 mentorship programs, and any fiscal implications. The study shall
7 specifically focus on:

8 a. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concen-
9 trating in construction;

10 b. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concen-
11 trating in professional services;

12 c. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concen-
13 trating in non-professional services;

14 d. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concen-
15 trating in purchases of commodities;

16 e. the duration of time minority and women-owned business enterprises
17 should participate in each program concentration described in paragraphs
18 a through d of this subdivision;

19 f. the feasibility that such successful completion of such program
20 could be used as a factor for prequalifying participating minority and
21 women-owned business enterprises; and

22 g. how such program can be tailored to better prepare minority and
23 women-owned business enterprises for bidding on contracts with such
24 agencies upon successful completion of the program.

25 2. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the empire
26 state development corporation shall issue a report of its findings and

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate
2 and the speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include, but not be
3 limited to, the following:

4 a. actions that can be implemented to establish such capacity mentor-
5 ship program, a plan of action for such implementation, and the esti-
6 mated cost of the program including any additional division personnel
7 that may be required;

8 b. any regulatory actions required by any agency in order to implement
9 such program, a plan of action for implementing such actions, and the
10 estimated cost of such implementation;

11 c. actions that require statutory changes in order to be implemented
12 and the estimated cost of such implementation; and

13 d. the extent to which any existing minority and women-owned business
14 enterprise mentorship program, including pursuant to section 147 of the
15 state finance law, has been implemented, and the relative success of
16 such programs.

17 3. Within twenty-four months of the effective date of this act, the
18 empire state development corporation shall issue a report detailing the
19 actions taken to implement the recommendations of such study to the
20 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
21 assembly. Such report shall include a full examination of all aspects of
22 a minority and women-owned business enterprise capacity mentorship
23 program, the benefits of such program, a proposed plan of action for the
24 permanent establishment of such program and the estimated cost of such
25 program.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.