

SENATE BILL 1014

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By: **Senator Charles**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business**
3 **Enterprises – Procurement Forecast and Outreach**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each unit to publish on the unit’s website annually a certain
5 procurement forecast; requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business
6 Affairs to consult with each primary procurement unit to identify potential
7 contracting opportunities for and increase outreach efforts to small businesses;
8 requiring the Office to develop a certain program; and generally relating to minority
9 business enterprise and small business enterprise participation in State
10 procurement.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 14–302(a)(16)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–302
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – State Government
23 Section 9–304.1
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

2 14–302.

3 (a) **(16) ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 EACH YEAR, EACH UNIT SHALL PUBLISH ON**
4 **THE UNIT’S WEBSITE A PROCUREMENT FORECAST LISTING ALL KNOWN AND**
5 **ANTICIPATED PROCUREMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE UNIT IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL**
6 **YEAR, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE OF THE ANTICIPATED MINORITY BUSINESS**
7 **ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS FOR EACH PROCUREMENT.**

8 **Article – State Government**

9 9–302.

10 There is an Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs in the Executive
11 Department.

12 **9–304.1.**

13 (A) **(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
14 **INDICATED.**

15 **(2) “PRIMARY PROCUREMENT UNIT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
16 **11–101 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

17 **(3) “SMALL BUSINESS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–501 OF**
18 **THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

19 (B) **THE OFFICE SHALL CONSULT WITH EACH PRIMARY PROCUREMENT**
20 **UNIT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND INCREASE**
21 **OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES.**

22 (C) **THE OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION WITH PRIMARY PROCUREMENT UNITS,**
23 **SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO:**

24 **(1) IDENTIFY AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF PROCUREMENT**
25 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES;**
26 **AND**

27 **(2) ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES IN COMPLYING WITH PROCEDURES**
28 **FOR BIDDING ON A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT OR RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FOR**
29 **PROPOSALS.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2024.