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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; requiring the commissioner of administration to  
1.3 establish a race-based, business-conscious contract procurement program; requiring  
1.4 reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [16C.161] RACE-BASED, BUSINESS-CONSCIOUS CONTRACT  
1.7 PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Duties of commissioner. The commissioner of administration shall:

1.9 (1) enhance a narrowly tailored race-based, business-conscious contract procurement  
1.10 program that emphasizes using African American-owned businesses that are designed to  
1.11 ensure equal participation of all businesses based on the proportion of the businesses'  
1.12 availability by race, gender, disability, and veteran status; and

1.13 (2) use a race-conscious approach to remedy the statistical disparities identified in the  
1.14 state's disparity studies included in Mason Tillman, 1999; MGT America, 2009; and Keenen  
1.15 Research Group, 2018.

1.16 Subd. 2. Quarterly progress report. On a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2022,  
1.17 the commissioner shall prepare a report detailing progress in implementing the duties  
1.18 required by this section. The report must be published on the commissioner's website and  
1.19 provided to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
1.20 jurisdiction over state government finance and policy.