

HOUSE No. 4534

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 21, 2016.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (House, No. 110, changed), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4534).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to increase the Commonwealth's compliance with federal law meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 61 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (r) the following subsection:-

3 (s) The SDO shall, every 2 years and in consultation with the Massachusetts Office on
4 Disability, establish goals for participation of individuals with disabilities in all areas of state
5 procurement contracting. Participation goals may be met by contracting or subcontracting with
6 businesses that hire, or identify and recruit with the intent to hire, qualified applicants with
7 disabilities. SDO shall provide assistance to the executive offices in determining opportunities
8 for contracting with businesses that hire persons with disabilities to meet the participation goal
9 set forth in this paragraph, including contractors and subcontractors providing goods and services
10 under multi-year contracts or grants funded by agencies within the executive offices.

11 SDO shall file an annual report with the clerks of the house of representatives and the
12 senate on or before October 31 on the progress made toward meeting the participation goal set
13 forth in this paragraph.