

HOUSE BILL 547

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By: **Delegate B. Robinson**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Minority Business Enterprises – Study and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office
4 of Minority Business Enterprise in the Maryland Department of Transportation
5 to conduct a certain study with certain parties on how the State can assist
6 certain minority business enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to
7 prime contractors; requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the
8 Office of Minority Business Enterprise to report to certain committees of the
9 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
10 this Act; and generally relating to a study of and report on transitioning
11 minority business enterprises from subcontractors to prime contractors.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) The Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority
15 Business Enterprise in the Maryland Department of Transportation shall conduct a
16 study with all interested parties on how the State can assist minority business
17 enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to prime contractors on State
18 procurements, including:

19 (1) construction procurements and all other types of procurements
20 that utilize minority business enterprises; and

21 (2) a process for giving credit to former subcontractors that submit
22 bids as prime contractors for satisfactory work performed as subcontractors for other
23 prime contractors under previous State procurements.

24 (b) On or before October 1, 2015, the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs
25 and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise shall submit a report to the Senate
26 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
2 Government Article, that includes recommendations on how the State can assist
3 minority business enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to prime
4 contractors and any regulations or legislation identified by the study.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
7 September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
8 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.