

SENATE BILL 1953

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15; Title 4 and Title 12, relative to diversity in state contracting and procurement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

Section 3-15-1101.

(a) There is created a select oversight committee of the general assembly to be known as the diversity business enterprise committee.

(b) The oversight committee shall be composed of six (6) members. Three (3) senators, one (1) from each grand division, shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate. Three (3) representatives, one (1) from each grand division, shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. During the organizational session of each general assembly, the respective speakers shall appoint, or reappoint, members to serve on the oversight committee. The committee shall elect from its membership a chair, a vice chair and such other officers as it considers necessary. Any vacancies occurring on the oversight committee, between organizational sessions, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments by the respective speakers.

(c) The oversight committee, at the call of the chair, shall periodically review and evaluate diversity in state contracting and procurement, including, but not limited to, reviewing current statutes and regulations concerning minority

owned business opportunities. The committee may coordinate with the governor's office of diversity business enterprise in fulfilling its duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.