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"AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than ninety days after
4 the effective date of this section, the Auditors of Public Accounts shall,
5 in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services,
6 develop and issue a request for proposals for the conducting of a
7 disparity study. The auditors shall, in consultation with such
8 department, develop criteria for evaluating proposals relating to
9 conducting a disparity study, including, but not limited to: (1) The
10 anticipated cost of completing such a study, (2) the anticipated timeline
11 for completing such a study, and (3) the proposing firm's experience in
12 conducting and completing such a study. The deadline for responding
13 to the request for proposals shall be not later than sixty days from the
14 issuing of the request by the auditors.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the auditors, in consultation with
16 the department, shall evaluate the proposals submitted under

17 subsection (a) of this section and select the firm which shall conduct the
18 study.

19 (c) The study shall provide an analysis of existing statistical data
20 concerning the state's set-aside program, established under section 4a-
21 60g of the general statutes, to determine whether its current form
22 achieves the goal of facilitating the participation in state contracts of
23 small contractors and minority business enterprises. The study shall
24 include, but shall not be limited to, a review of the state's current set-
25 aside program practices and the best practices of other states or
26 governmental entities. The study shall examine:

27 (1) Whether, based on available data and analysis, there is significant
28 statistical evidence of past or continuing discrimination in the awarding
29 of state contracts, including to small contractors and minority business
30 enterprises with less than ten employees;

31 (2) The number of small contractors or minority business enterprises,
32 based on available data and analysis, that are qualified for eligibility for
33 state contracts under the set-aside program established under section
34 4a-60g of the general statutes, and a determination of whether such
35 businesses are legitimate small contractors or legitimately owned by
36 members of a minority;

37 (3) The number of small contractors or minority business enterprises
38 with less than ten employees, based on available data and analysis, that
39 are qualified for eligibility for state contracts under the set-aside
40 program established under section 4a-60g of the general statutes, and a
41 determination of whether such businesses are legitimate small
42 contractors or legitimately owned by members of a minority;

43 (4) The state's contracting processes, to determine if there are any
44 contracting practices or unintentional but existing barriers in the process
45 that prevent small contractors and minority business enterprises from
46 fully participating in such contracting process; and

47 (5) The state's contracting processes, to determine if there are any

48 contracting practices or unintentional but existing barriers in the process
49 that prevent small contractors and minority business enterprises with
50 less than ten employees from fully participating in such contracting
51 process.

52 (d) The auditors shall submit the findings of such study and any
53 recommendations for legislative action concerning such study, in
54 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
55 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
56 cognizance of matters relating to government administration and labor."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section