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SENATE BILL 835*

Short Title: MWBE Study/Constr./Purchasing.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt, Ballance, Jordan, Lee, Martin of Guilford, Richardson, and Edwards.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

April 13, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO STUDY MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE'S OVERALL PROCUREMENT, CONTRACT,
AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

5 Whereas, a recent study has shown a significant disparity in awarding of 6 highway construction and preconstruction contracts to minority and women-owned 7 businesses; and

8 Whereas, determining whether such a disparity within the North Carolina 9 marketplace and in contracts for other construction and for State purchasing exists is 10 necessary for a legislative determination as to whether remedies need to be fashioned to 11 ensure that all have equal access to the contracting and procurement process; Now, 12 therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General 15 Assembly for fiscal year 1993-94 the sum of one million one hundred seventy-five 16 thousand dollars (\$1,175,000) to study minority and women-owned business contract 17 disparity for:

18(1)Construction contracts awarded by the State Construction Office, the19Emergency Prison contracts in the Governor's office, and small (less20than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)) construction contracts in all21State agencies, The University of North Carolina System, and22community colleges, with a time frame of the 10 past years for major

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1	construction projects and three to five past years for the small
2	construction contracts;
3	(2) Purchasing and contracts by State agencies (including The University
4	of North Carolina System, community colleges, and the Real Estate
5	Acquisitions Component of the State Property Office) but not
6	including:
7	a. Public schools and local governments;
8	b. Purchases made by nonprofit and other public agencies which
9	receive money from the State but which are not State agencies;
10	and
11	c. Purchases with non-State funds such as by University
12	foundations.
13	The time period for purchasing is the 10 past years.
14	(3) Availability data on the North Carolina marketplace shall be included
15	at least at the county level and may be made available by the State to
16	units of local government.
17	Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.