

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Comptroller Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 23.9 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 405/23.9 new)

7 Sec. 23.9. Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. The  
8 State Comptroller Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative  
9 is created to provide greater opportunities for minority-owned  
10 businesses, female-owned businesses, businesses owned by  
11 persons with disabilities, and small businesses with 20 or  
12 fewer employees in this State to participate in the State  
13 procurement process. The initiative shall be administered by  
14 the Comptroller. Under this initiative, the Comptroller is  
15 responsible for the following: (i) outreach to minority-owned  
16 businesses, female-owned businesses, businesses owned by  
17 persons with disabilities, and small businesses capable of  
18 providing services to the State; (ii) education of  
19 minority-owned businesses, female-owned businesses, businesses  
20 owned by persons with disabilities, and small businesses  
21 concerning State contracting and procurement; (iii)  
22 notification of minority-owned businesses, female-owned  
23 businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and

1 small businesses of State contracting opportunities; and (iv)  
2 maintenance of an online database of State contracts that  
3 identifies the contracts awarded to minority-owned businesses,  
4 female-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with  
5 disabilities, and small businesses that includes the total  
6 amount paid by State agencies to contractors and the percentage  
7 paid to minority-owned businesses, female-owned businesses,  
8 businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small  
9 businesses.

10 The Comptroller shall work with the Business Enterprise  
11 Council created under Section 5 of the Business Enterprise for  
12 Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act to  
13 fulfill the Comptroller's responsibilities under this Section.  
14 The Comptroller may rely on the Business Enterprise Council's  
15 identification of minority-owned businesses, female-owned  
16 businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities.

17 The Comptroller shall annually prepare and submit a report  
18 to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the  
19 progress of this initiative including the following  
20 information for the preceding calendar year: (i) a statement of  
21 the total amounts paid by each executive branch agency to  
22 contractors since the previous report; (ii) the percentage of  
23 the amounts that were paid to minority-owned businesses,  
24 female-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with  
25 disabilities, and small businesses; (iii) the successes  
26 achieved and the challenges faced by the Comptroller in

1 operating outreach programs for minorities, women, persons  
2 with disabilities, and small businesses; (iv) the challenges  
3 each executive branch agency may face in hiring qualified  
4 minority, female, disabled, and small business employees and  
5 contracting with qualified minority-owned businesses,  
6 female-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with  
7 disabilities, and small businesses; and (iv) any other  
8 information, findings, conclusions, and recommendations for  
9 legislative or agency action, as the Comptroller deems  
10 appropriate.

11 On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
12 the 97th General Assembly, any bidder or offeror awarded a  
13 contract of \$1,000 or more under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25,  
14 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code is required to pay a  
15 fee of \$15 to cover expenses related to the administration of  
16 this Section. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the  
17 first check issued to the vendor under the contract and deposit  
18 the fee into the Comptroller's Administrative Fund.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.