



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1343

Introduced 2/8/2011, by Sen. Matt Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 500/45-58 new

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires that a preference equal to 10% of the contract amount be granted to an otherwise qualified State contract bidder that is a qualified veteran. Defines a qualified veteran as a business entity 51% or more owned by one or more veterans. Sets as a goal that each fiscal year the State award at least 3% of the value of its total contracts to qualified veterans. Requires that the Department of Central Management Services report annually to the General Assembly on the attainment of the percentage goal, based on information reported by chief procurement officers. Requires chief procurement officers to make recommendations on the percentage goal, with input from statewide veterans' service organizations and the business community. Requires the Governor to recommend to the General Assembly changes in programs to assist qualified veterans.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
5 adding Section 45-58 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 500/45-58 new)

7 Sec. 45-58. Veterans.

8 (a) When a contract is awarded under this Code, a
9 preference of up to 10% of the amount of the contract shall be
10 given to a qualified veteran. If the qualified veteran
11 otherwise meets the requirements of the contract solicitation
12 and with the preference is the lowest bidder, the contract
13 shall be awarded to the qualified veteran. If 2 or more
14 qualified veterans are the lowest bidders on a contract, all
15 other things being equal, the qualified veteran with the lowest
16 bid shall be awarded the contract.

17 (b) It is the goal of the State to award each fiscal year
18 not less than 3% of its total expenditures for contracts
19 awarded under this Code to qualified veterans. That portion of
20 a contract under which the contractor subcontracts with a
21 qualified veteran may be counted toward the goal of this
22 subsection.

23 (c) By each September 1, each chief procurement officer

1 shall report to the Department of Central Management Services
2 on all of the following for the immediately preceding fiscal
3 year, and by each October 1 the Department of Central
4 Management Services shall compile and report that information
5 to the General Assembly:

6 (1) The number of qualified veterans who submitted a
7 bid for a contract under this Code.

8 (2) The number of qualified veterans who entered into
9 contracts with the State under this Code and the total
10 value of those contracts.

11 (3) Whether the State achieved the goal described in
12 subsection (b).

13 (4) The recommendations described in subsection (d).

14 (d) Each year, each chief procurement officer shall review
15 the progress of all State agencies under its jurisdiction in
16 meeting the goal described in subsection (b), with input from
17 statewide veterans' service organizations and from the
18 business community, including businesses owned by qualified
19 veterans, and shall make recommendations to be included in the
20 Department of Central Management Services' report to the
21 General Assembly regarding continuation, increases, or
22 decreases of the percentage goal. The recommendations shall be
23 based upon the number of businesses that are owned by qualified
24 veterans and on the continued need to encourage and promote
25 businesses owned by qualified veterans.

26 (e) To assist the State in reaching the goal described in

1 subsection (b), the Governor shall recommend to the General
2 Assembly changes in programs to assist businesses owned by
3 qualified veterans.

4 (f) As used in this Section:

5 "Qualified veteran" means a business entity that is 51% or
6 more owned by one or more veterans.

7 "Veteran" means a person who served in the active military,
8 naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from
9 his or her service under conditions other than dishonorable.