

SB0677



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/3/2015, by Sen. Antonio Muñoz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/5-117

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Requires all local exchange telecommunications carriers with at least 35,000 subscriber access lines and a person or entity providing cable or video service to submit an annual report concerning procurement goals and actual spending for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Section 5-117 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/5-117)

7 Sec. 5-117. Supplier diversity goals.

8 (a) The public policy of this State is to collaboratively
9 work with companies that serve Illinois residents to improve
10 their supplier diversity in a non-antagonistic manner.

11 (b) The Commission shall require all gas, electric, and
12 water companies with at least 100,000 customers under its
13 authority; all local exchange telecommunications carriers with
14 at least 35,000 subscriber access lines; and a person or entity
15 providing cable service or video service, as defined in Section
16 21-201 of this Act, to submit an annual report by April 15,
17 2015 and every April 15 thereafter, in a searchable Adobe PDF
18 format, on all procurement goals and actual spending for
19 female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small
20 business enterprises in the previous calendar year. These goals
21 shall be expressed as a percentage of the total work performed
22 by the entity submitting the report, and the actual spending
23 for all female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small

1 business enterprises shall also be expressed as a percentage of
2 the total work performed by the entity submitting the report.

3 (c) Each participating company in its annual report shall
4 include the following information:

5 (1) an explanation of the plan for the next year to
6 increase participation;

7 (2) an explanation of the plan to increase the goals;

8 (3) the areas of procurement each company shall be
9 actively seeking more participation in in the next year;

10 (4) an outline of the plan to alert and encourage
11 potential vendors in that area to seek business from the
12 company;

13 (5) an explanation of the challenges faced in finding
14 quality vendors and offer any suggestions for what the
15 Commission could do to be helpful to identify those
16 vendors;

17 (6) a list of the certifications the company
18 recognizes;

19 (7) the point of contact for any potential vendor who
20 wishes to do business with the company and explain the
21 process for a vendor to enroll with the company as a
22 minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned company; and

23 (8) any particular success stories to encourage other
24 companies to emulate best practices.

25 (d) Each annual report shall include as much State-specific
26 data as possible. If the submitting entity does not submit

1 State-specific data, then the company shall include any
2 national data it does have and explain why it could not submit
3 State-specific data and how it intends to do so in future
4 reports, if possible.

5 (e) Each annual report shall include the rules,
6 regulations, and definitions used for the procurement goals in
7 the company's annual report.

8 (f) The Commission and all participating entities shall
9 hold an annual workshop open to the public in 2015 and every
10 year thereafter on the state of supplier diversity to
11 collaboratively seek solutions to structural impediments to
12 achieving stated goals, including testimony from each
13 participating entity as well as subject matter experts and
14 advocates. The Commission shall publish a database on its
15 website of the point of contact for each participating entity
16 for supplier diversity, along with a list of certifications
17 each company recognizes from the information submitted in each
18 annual report. The Commission shall publish each annual report
19 on its website and shall maintain each annual report for at
20 least 5 years.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-1056, eff. 8-26-14.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.