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1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 1761

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ . Amend Senate Resolution 1761 by  
3 replacing everything with the following:

4            "WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has had a long-standing  
5 statutory goal of spending 20% of all procurement dollars on  
6 minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses; and

7            WHEREAS, Investing in minority, women, or veteran-owned  
8 businesses is a central economic development strategy for the  
9 State to ensure the businesses that prosper from the State's  
10 need for goods and services reflects the diversity of the  
11 entire State; and

12            WHEREAS, Legal services is one of the components that the  
13 State's statutory goal for spending 20% for minority, women, or  
14 veteran-owned businesses apply towards; and

1           WHEREAS, The last year where full data is available on  
2 actual spending with minority, women, or veteran-owned  
3 businesses is FY2015; and

4           WHEREAS, In FY2015, the State spent more than \$35,000,000  
5 on outside law firms in legal services; and

6           WHEREAS, Only 4% of the State's legal services in FY15 were  
7 with minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses; and

8           WHEREAS, The total spent on African-American owned law  
9 firms in FY15 was under \$200,000, which is significantly less  
10 than 1% of the total spent on legal services the entire fiscal  
11 year; and

12           WHEREAS, Governor Rauner's administration was only  
13 responsible for half of the legal services spent in FY15 as the  
14 Governor was not inaugurated until the middle of that fiscal  
15 year; and

16           WHEREAS, While complete data for FY16 is not yet available,  
17 there have been a series of procurements for legal services  
18 that did not include any goal for minority, women, or  
19 veteran-owned businesses, including one posted April 8th for a  
20 Swaps Bond Counsel for the Governor's Office of Management and  
21 Budget; and

1           WHEREAS, Unless the Rauner administration makes a  
2 significant effort to increase the participation of minority,  
3 women, or veteran-owned businesses in legal spending, the  
4 administration is likely on track to dramatically fall short of  
5 the statutory goal of 20% participation; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL 20  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rauner  
8 administration is urged to comply with the statutory goal of  
9 20% participation with minority, women, or veteran-owned  
10 businesses, particularly as it relates to professional  
11 services and legal services; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Rauner administration is urged to make  
13 every effort for FY16 to satisfy the 20% goal for participation  
14 with minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses in  
15 professional services as that is the first full fiscal year  
16 completely administered by the Rauner administration; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 delivered to Governor Rauner."