

Chapter 455

(Senate Bill 414)

AN ACT concerning

**Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs –
~~Coordination of Small Business Resources and Data Collection~~**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to collaborate with certain State entities to identify certain resources available to small businesses and develop a plan to coordinate certain resources with the Office; requiring the Office to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to convene a certain workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding the collection of data by State agencies that may be used to assist small businesses in a certain manner; requiring the workgroup to focus on the types of data that may be collected by certain State agencies; requiring the workgroup to include certain representatives and business owners; requiring the Office to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs and small businesses.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall:

(1) collaborate with the Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Transportation, and any other appropriate State entities to identify all State resources available to small businesses and develop a plan to coordinate the resources with the Office; and

(2) on or before December 1, 2018, report on the available resources and the plan to coordinate the resources to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders to study and make recommendations regarding the collection of data by State agencies that may be used to assist small businesses in accessing State resources and bidding on State contracts.

(b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall focus on the types of data that may be collected by the following agencies:

- (1) Department of Human Services;
- (2) Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation;
- (3) State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency;
- (4) Maryland Higher Education Commission;
- (5) Maryland Stadium Authority;
- (6) Interagency Committee on School Construction;
- (7) local departments of social services; and
- (8) any agency exempt from monitoring by the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs.

(c) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include at least:

- (1) one representative from the Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of Commerce;
- (2) three representatives from minority-owned businesses;
- (3) three representatives from women-owned businesses; and
- (4) three African American women business owners.

(d) On or before December 1, 2018, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee that includes its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to implement its recommendations.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.