

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS65223-LM-86 (02/26)

Short Title: Study State Contracts w/ Minority Businesses. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE DISPARITY IN AWARDING STATE CONTRACTS TO
MINORITY BUSINESSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the extent to which minority businesses are granted construction contracts, services contracts, and purchase contracts (apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment) with the State and ways in which the number of construction, services, and purchase contracts granted to minority businesses can be increased. The Commission may propose legislation, if appropriate, to narrow the gap between construction, services, and purchase contracts awarded to majority businesses and construction, services, and purchase contracts awarded to minority businesses.

SECTION 2. The Commission may make an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall submit a final report to the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in conducting this study.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.