

March 8, 1999

**S 284. SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT ACT. TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION TO SET BUSINESS SIZE STANDARDS AND APPLY THEM TO THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE INCREASED PROCUREMENTS FROM SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES.** Amends GS 143-52 (competitive bidding procedure, consolidation of estimates, and awarding of contracts) and GS 143-49 (powers and duties of Secretary) as title indicates. Amends GS 143-54 to provide that the combining of bids pursuant to rules under GS 143-53(7) is not prima facie evidence of collusion. Requires that Dep't of Administration study measures to encourage the use of small and medium-sized businesses to provide supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services to the State. Requires study report to General Assembly prior to May 1, 2000.

**Intro. by Shaw of Cumberland.**

Ref. to Commerce

GS 143

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**S 284. SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT REVIEW.** Intro. 3/8/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes proposed amendments to GS 143-52 and 143-54. Amends GS 143-48 to require Dep't of Admin. to compile information on size of businesses receiving state contracts. Rewrites provisions regarding Dep't of Admin. study of participation of small- and medium-sized businesses in state procurement and changes report date to April 15, 2000.