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**H 516. MINORITY BUSINESSES/DOT CONTRACTS.** Filed 3/6/07. TO REINSTATE GOALS FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESSES IN CERTAIN CONTRACTS LET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Amends GS 136-28.4 to add all other state agencies, institutions, and political subdivisions (was, Department of Transportation) to those that must cooperate with each other in conducting outreach and promoting the use of minority and women-owned businesses in contracts let by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Establishes a participation goal of 10% for minority businesses and 5% for women businesses. Requires DOT to try to award minority business at least 10% by value and to award women at least 5% by value of contracts let by DOT for the design, construction, alteration, or maintenance of state highways, roads, streets, or bridges and for the procurement of materials. Requires DOT to adopt written procedures for reaching these goals. Requires DOT to give equal opportunity for contracts to all contractors and businesses. Intro. by Parmon.

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