

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1480
 INTRODUCER: Senator Lawson
 SUBJECT: Minority Business Recertification
 DATE: April 16, 2009 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McKay	Wilson	GO	Favorable
2.	Hrdlicka	Cooper	CM	Favorable
3.	Pigott	DeLoach	GA	Favorable
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

The bill changes the minority business enterprise recertification process from requiring vendor recertification every year to requiring recertification every two years.

This bill amends section 287.09451, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Office of Supplier Diversity (office) is established with the Department of Management Services (department) to assist minority business enterprises (MBEs) in becoming suppliers of commodities, services, and construction to state government.¹ One of the duties of the office is to certify MBEs² pursuant to specified statutory criteria,³ and to recertify MBEs not less than once a year. Recertification is accomplished via a process in which a vendor enters information in online forms, prints the forms, has the forms notarized, and returns the forms to the office.

In 2008, ch. 2008-155, L.O.F., created a contracting preference for service-disabled veteran business enterprises. The department is required to initially certify such businesses and recertify them every two years.⁴

¹ Section 287.09451(2), F.S.

² Minority business enterprises are defined in s. 288.703, F.S.

³ Sections 287.0943 and 287.09431, F.S., specify the requirements for certification as an MBE.

⁴ Section 295.187(5)(b), F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 changes the minority business enterprise recertification process from requiring recertification every year to requiring recertification every two years.

Section 2 provides that the bill shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The impact to the private sector is indeterminate. Vendors will need to recertify half as often, freeing them to engage in their core businesses operations.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill will potentially result in a decreased workload for the Office of Supplier Diversity.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
