

SENATE BILL 2226

By Oliver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to public contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 11, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, each contract for a major project must require the general contractor to ensure that a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total value of the contract be performed by minority-owned businesses.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Minority-owned business" means a business certified by:

(A) The federal office of small and disadvantaged business utilization in the U.S. environmental protection agency as a disadvantaged business enterprise or a minority business enterprise; or

(B) The governor's office of diversity business enterprises as small businesses and diversity business enterprises; and

(2) "Contract for a major project" means a contract between this state and a general contractor that has a value of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to contracts entered into on and after that date.