

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

By: Representatives Pilkington, J. Richardson

By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES TO AWARD A PORTION OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES TO AWARD A PORTION OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-11-108. Award of contracts to Arkansas businesses in operation less than five (5) years – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "state agency" means the same as defined under § 19-11-203.

(b) The Office of State Procurement shall encourage each state agency to award at least five percent (5%) of contracts entered into by the state agency to businesses:

(1) That have been in operation for less than five (5) years;

and

(2) Whose principal place of business is in this state.

