

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 238**

Short Title: Study State Contracts w/Minority Businesses. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Shaw; Atwater and Forrester.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 19, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY  
2 THE DISPARITY IN AWARDING STATE CONTRACTS TO MINORITY  
3 BUSINESSES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the extent to which  
7 minority businesses are granted construction contracts, services contracts, and purchase  
8 contracts (apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment) with the State and ways in which the  
9 number of construction, services, and purchase contracts granted to minority businesses can be  
10 increased. The Commission may propose legislation, if appropriate, to narrow the gap between  
11 construction, services, and purchase contracts awarded to majority businesses and construction,  
12 services, and purchase contracts awarded to minority businesses.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Commission may make an interim report of its findings and  
14 recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly, Regular Session 2010, and shall submit a  
15 final report to the 2011 General Assembly.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds appropriated to  
17 the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in  
18 conducting this study.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

