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SENATE BILL 837

Short Title: Durham County DBE.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; and Gulley.

Referred to: State Personnel and State Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE COUNTY OF DURHAM TO PERMIT THE INCLUSION
OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS IN
SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. In order to assist and protect disadvantaged individuals and disadvantaged business enterprises, and in order to enhance their opportunities to compete successfully, a county may establish, agree to, and/or comply with requirements designed to increase the participation of said enterprises, by including such requirements in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of projects financed by public funds, and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders meeting these and other specifications. For purposes of this section, the county board of commissioners may establish standards to determine whether an enterprise is disadvantaged. The standards may include the following factors: (i) the educational opportunities and lack of business training of the majority of the owners; (ii) the opportunities of the majority of the owners to make effective business contacts; (iii) the difficulties of the majority of the owners to obtain financing, credit, bonding, and contracts; (iv) the inadequacy of capital accumulation of the majority of the owners; (v) the majority of the owners' past failed attempts to start and maintain a business; and (vi) limitation of economic opportunity of the majority of the owners, caused by circumstances beyond their control.

Sec. 2. This act applies to Durham County only.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.