



HOUSE BILL 303: Greensboro SBE/Residential Streets Speed.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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| Committee: | House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | Date: | March 23, 2021 |
| Introduced by: | Reps. Clemmons, Faircloth, Hardister, Quick | Prepared by: | Jonathan Zator |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 303 would amend the Charter of the City of Greensboro (Charter) to authorize the City of Greensboro (City) to establish a small business enterprise program and reduce the speed limit on residential streets to 25 miles per hour.*

CURRENT LAW: Various state laws encourage, promote, and support the use of small, minority-owned, physically-handicapped-owned, and women-owned businesses in government contracts and projects.

Cities are generally preempted from establishing a city speed limit of less than 35 miles per hour (G.S. 20-141) on streets that are part of the State Highway System.

BILL ANALYSIS: *Section 1* of House Bill 303 would amend the Charter to authorize the City to establish a race- and gender-neutral small business enterprise program to promote the development of small businesses in the Greensboro Metropolitan Statistical Area and enhance opportunities for small businesses to participate in City contracts. The City would be authorized to do the following:

- Define "small business enterprise" as appropriate and consistent with the City's contracting policies.
- Establish subcontracting goals and good-faith effort requirements as part of the program.
- Consider efforts to comply with program requirements in its award of City contracts.
- Refuse to award a contract if the bidder failed to comply with the program's requirements.

The program would supplement specified public contract requirements, and it would not supersede goals or efforts established under State law to achieve veteran, minority, and women's business participation.

Section 2 of House Bill 303 would authorize the City to set a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on City residential streets, if signs provide notice and conform to federal Department of Transportation standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 2 would become effective December 1, 2021 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of the act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: Three other cities have similar small business enterprise programs: Charlotte (S.L. 2002-91, as amended by S.L. 2008-101), Durham (S.L. 2011-168), and Fayetteville (S.L. 2017-81).

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