



# HOUSE BILL 303: Greensboro SBE.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Clemmons, Faircloth, Hardister, Quick	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Bill Patterson
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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute for 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.*

**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.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of the PCS for 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is 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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