



CHAPTER 143  
ARTICLE 8 - PUBLIC CONTRACTS

N.C.G.S. § 143-128.3.

Minority business participation  
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§ 143-128.3(a) All public entities subject to G.S. 143-128.2 shall report to the Department of Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Business, the following with respect to each building project:

- (1) The verifiable percentage goal.
- (2) The type and total dollar value of the project, minority business utilization by minority business category, trade, total dollar value of contracts awarded to each minority group for each project, the applicable good faith effort guidelines or rules used to recruit minority business participation, and good faith documentation accepted by the public entity from the successful bidder.
- (3) The utilization of minority businesses under the various construction methods under G.S. 143-128(a1).

The reports shall be in the format and contain the data prescribed by the Secretary of Administration. The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall report quarterly and all other public entities shall report semiannually. The Secretary of the Department of Administration shall make reports every six months to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on information reported pursuant to this subsection.

§ 143-128.3(b) A public entity that has been notified by the Secretary of its failure to comply with G.S. 143-128.2 on a project shall develop a plan of compliance that addresses the def -

iciencies identified by the Secretary. The corrective plan shall apply to the current project or to subsequent projects under G.S. 143-128, as appropriate, provided that the plan must be implemented, at a minimum, on the current project to the extent feasible. If the public entity, after notification from the Secretary, fails to file a corrective plan, or if the public entity does not implement the corrective plan in accordance with its terms, the Secretary shall require one or both of the following:

- (1) That the public entity consult with the Department of Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses on the development of a new corrective plan, subject to the approval of the Department and the Attorney General. The public entity may designate a representative to appear on its behalf, provided that the representative has managerial responsibility for the construction project.
- (2) That the public entity not bid another contract under G.S. 143-128 without prior review by the Department and the Attorney General of a good faith compliance plan developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The public entity shall be subject to the review and approval of its good faith compliance plan under this subdivision with respect to any projects bid pursuant to G.S. 143-128 during a period of time determined by the Secretary, not to exceed one year.

A public entity aggrieved by the decision of the Secretary may file a contested case proceeding under Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

**§ 143-128.3(c)**

The Secretary shall study and recommend to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and other State agencies ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the State capital facilities development, minority business participation program and good faith efforts in utilizing minority businesses as set forth in G.S. 143-128.2, and other appropriate good faith efforts that may result in the increased utilization of minority businesses.

**§ 143-128.3(d)**

The Secretary shall appoint an advisory board to develop recommendations to improve the recruitment and utilization of minority businesses. The Secretary, with the input of its advisory board, shall review the State's programs for promoting the recruitment and utilization of minority businesses involved in State capital projects and shall recommend to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the State Construction Office, The University of North Carolina, and the community colleges system changes in the terms and conditions of State laws, rules, and policies that will enhance opportunities for utilization of minority businesses on these

projects. The Secretary shall provide guidance to these agencies on identifying types of projects likely to attract increased participation by minority businesses and breaking down or combining elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority business participation.

**§ 143-128.3(e)** The Secretary shall adopt rules for State entities, The University of North Carolina, and community colleges and shall adopt guidelines for local government units to implement the provisions of G.S. 143-128.2.

**§ 143-128.3(e1)** Repealed by Session Laws 2007-392, s. 3, effective October 1, 2007.

**§ 143-128.3(f)** The Secretary shall provide the following information to the Attorney General:

- (1) Failure by a public entity to report data to the Secretary in accordance with this section.
- (2) Upon the request of the Attorney General, any data or other information collected under this section.
- (3) False statements knowingly provided in any affidavit or documentation under G.S. 143-128.2 to the State or other public entity. Public entities shall provide to the Secretary information concerning any false information knowingly provided to the public entity pursuant to G.S. 143-128.2.

**§ 143-128.3(g)** Annually, on or before September 1, beginning September 1, 2022, the Secretary shall report findings and recommendations, as required under this section, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and shall post the report findings and recommendations on the Department's website. (2001-496, s. 3.6; 2005-270, s. 2; 2007-392, s. 3; 2021-180, s. 37.1(c).)

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APPARATUS II  
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

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| G.S. 143-128.2   | (a)    | "All public entities subject to"               |
| G.S. 143-128(a1) | (a)(3) | "under the various construction methods under" |
| G.S. 143-128     | (b)    | "project or to subsequent projects under"      |

APPARATUS III

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