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Short Title: State Contracts/Furniture.

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Sponsors: Representative Starnes.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A VENDOR IS QUALIFIED FOR PURPOSES OF STATE  
3 FURNITURE CONTRACTS IF THE VENDOR'S PRODUCTS ARE INCLUDED ON A  
4 UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) FURNITURE  
5 SCHEDULE SYSTEM, THE VENDOR IS A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED VENDOR  
6 WITHIN THE GSA SCHEDULE SYSTEM, AND THE VENDOR SUBMITS A  
7 RESPONSIVE BID.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 143-57.1 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ 143-57.1. Furniture requirements contracts.

11 (a) To ensure agencies access to sufficient sources of furniture supply and service, to  
12 provide agencies the necessary flexibility to obtain furniture that is compatible with interior  
13 architectural design and needs, to provide small and disadvantaged businesses additional  
14 opportunities to participate on State requirements contracts, and to restore the traditional use of  
15 multiple award contracts for purchasing furniture requirements, each State furniture  
16 requirements contract shall be awarded on a multiple award basis, subject to the following  
17 conditions:

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19 (3) For each category of goods under each State requirements furniture contract,  
20 awards shall be made to at least three qualified vendors unless three  
21 qualified vendors are not available. Additionally, if the State Purchasing  
22 Officer determines that there are no qualified vendors within the three best  
23 qualified vendors who offer furniture manufactured or produced in North  
24 Carolina or who are incorporated in the State, the State Purchasing Officer  
25 shall expand the number of qualified vendors awarded contracts to as many  
26 qualified vendors as is necessary to include a qualified vendor who offers  
27 furniture manufactured or produced in North Carolina or who is incorporated  
28 in the State, but the State Purchasing Officer shall not be required to expand  
29 the number of qualified vendors to more than six qualified vendors. A  
30 vendor is qualified under this section if the vendor's products conform to the  
31 term contract specifications, specifications or the vendor's products are  
32 included on a United States General Services Administration (GSA)  
33 Furniture Schedule, the vendor is listed on the State's qualified products  
34 list, list or the vendor is a federally qualified vendor within the GSA  
35 Schedule System, and the vendor submits a responsive bid.

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.