

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-417  
SENATE BILL 283

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WAY  
PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ADVERTISED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-345.8 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143-345.8. North Carolina Purchase Directory.**

The Division of Purchase and Contract of the Department of Administration shall ~~publish a tabloid size, biweekly publication to be known as the "North Carolina Purchase Directory" which shall contain~~ electronically advertise information on contract and purchase requirements from the Division of Purchase and Contract, the Office of State Construction, the Department of Transportation, and other agencies of State government which make direct purchases from private suppliers. ~~The Division shall mail four free issues of this publication to all persons and businesses on the current bidders roster, to all Chambers of Commerce in North Carolina, to all business associations in North Carolina and to all persons or businesses on a list to be supplied by the Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the effective date of this section; thereafter the Division shall make the publication available on a subscription basis. Said subscription price shall not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) per year and shall be computed taking into consideration the cost of producing and mailing the publication.~~ The Division shall coordinate with the other departments of State government to ensure that the publication electronic advertisement is meeting the goals of disseminating as widely as possible and in a timely manner information on those State contracts which are open for bids. A printed copy of any information that is electronically advertised shall be made available to any party upon request. The Secretary of the Department of Administration may adopt rules governing the routine and procedures to be followed in advertising information on contract and purchase opportunities, what contracts and purchases will be advertised, and under what conditions exceptions to the electronic advertisement may occur."

Section 2. This act constitutes a recent act of the General Assembly within the meaning of G.S. 150B-21.1. The Secretary of the Department of Administration may adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of this act. Under rules to be adopted by the Secretary, the Division may advertise information regarding contract and purchase requirements in both print and electronic format for a period of 12 months following the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of July, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 10:17 p.m. this 5th day of August, 1999