

SENATE BILL NO. 790

BY SENATOR CROWE

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AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:2004, relative to the Louisiana Initiative for Small
3 Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative); to provide for small entrepreneurship
4 procurements; to provide for goals and objectives; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:2004 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8 §2004. State goals for procurements and public contracts

9 A. The commissioner of administration shall establish annual goals for small
10 entrepreneurship participation in state procurement and public contracts. The
11 commissioner shall determine the appropriate level and number of goals for each
12 year. The formulation of each goal shall be based on historical procurement and
13 public contracting data and any other factors which the commissioner deems useful.
14 As part of development of goals, the commissioner may consider the capacity of
15 small entrepreneurship available to participate in meeting goals, which may be
16 determined based on past experience, available small entrepreneurship certifications,
17 and recognized industry composition. The commissioner shall provide guidance to
18 agencies with respect to estimation of dollar values for anticipated procurement and
19 contract activity to be used in the development of a goal. Agencies shall report any
20 data required by the commissioner in this regard in accordance with a schedule
21 established by the commissioner.

22 **B.(1) The Hudson Initiative Task Force is hereby established and shall**
23 **meet no later than August 1, 2008. The task force shall consist of the following**
24 **or their respective designees: the commissioner of administration, the**
25 **secretaries of the Departments of Transportation and Development, Health and**

1 Hospitals, Economic Development and two other departments of state
2 government selected by the commissioner, along with a representative of the
3 Association of General Contractors, a representative of the Greater New
4 Orleans, Inc., a representative of the St. Landry Parish Chamber of Commerce,
5 a representative of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the
6 Greater Shreveport Area Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the Baton
7 Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the Greater Lafayette
8 Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce of
9 Southwest Louisiana, a representative of the Central Louisiana Chamber of
10 Commerce, the chairman, or his or her designee, of the Senate Committee on
11 Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, the chairman, or
12 his or her designee, of the House Committee on Commerce, the chairman, or his
13 or her designee, of the House Committee on Appropriations and the chairman,
14 or his or her designee, of the Senate Committee on Finance. The chairmen, or
15 their designees, of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
16 and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce shall serve
17 as the co-chairs of the task force.

18 (2) The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than August 1,
19 2008. The task force shall complete its work and shall submit a final report to
20 the House Committees on Appropriations and Commerce and the Senate
21 Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and
22 Finance on or before July 1, 2010, at which time the task force shall cease to
23 exist. The task force shall, commencing on August 1, 2008, submit progress
24 reports to such committees on a quarterly basis.

25 (3) The task force shall study and evaluate the Hudson Initiative (the
26 initiative) and shall specifically:

27 (a) Evaluate the current implementation of the initiative.
28 (b) Evaluate the appropriate level and number of goals for the initiative.
29 (c) Make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the
30 initiative, including appropriate goals and benchmarks for the initiative.

1 **(d) Propose changes as needed to the laws and rules relative to the**
2 **initiative.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____