It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

37-2-81. Selection of vendors and services based on economic security and pay equality. – The director of the department of administration is authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations giving preference in contract and/or subcontract awards to business enterprises whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or salary equal to thirty-two (32) times or less than the compensation and/or salary paid to its lowest paid full-time employee. To the extent that any of the provisions contained in this section conflict with the requirements for federal contracts; federal law and/or federal regulations shall control.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.
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1 This act would establish a preference in the awarding of contracts for any person or
2 business doing business with the state whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or
3 a salary equal to or less than thirty-two (32) times the compensation and/or salary paid to its
4 lowest paid full-time employee, unless contrary to federal law.
5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2015.

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