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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Goldin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **37-2-81. Selection of vendors and services based on economic security and pay**
4 **equality.** – [The director of the department of administration is authorized and directed to](#)
5 [promulgate rules and regulations giving preference in contract and/or subcontract awards to](#)
6 [business enterprises whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or salary equal to](#)
7 [twenty-five \(25\) times or less than the median compensation and/or salary paid to its non-](#)
8 [executive employees. To the extent that any of the provisions contained in this section conflict](#)
9 [with the requirements for federal contracts, federal law and/or regulations shall control.](#)

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would direct the department of administration to promulgate regulations giving
2 preference in the awarding of state contracts to business enterprises whose highest paid executive
3 receives compensation equal to or less than twenty-five (25) times the median pay of its non-
4 executive employees.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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