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SENATE BILL 351

Short Title: Right to Start Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor).

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CORPORATIONS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD AND HAVING A
3 NET INCOME OF LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DEFER INCOME
4 TAXES FOR ONE YEAR AND TO PROVIDE THAT STATE AGENCIES ARE
5 ENCOURAGED TO USE IN-STATE CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN IN
6 OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 ADMINISTRATION SHALL COLLECT AND REPORT DATA ON THE USE OF THOSE
8 CONTRACTORS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 105-130.19 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 105-130.19. When tax must be paid.**

12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (a1) of this section and Article 4C of this Chapter,
13 the full amount of the tax payable as shown on the return must be paid to the Secretary within
14 the time allowed for filing the return.

15 (a1) A corporation may defer the full amount of tax payable under this Part to the next
16 taxable year if the corporation has been in existence less than five years and files a return under
17 this Part showing a State net income of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the taxable
18 year.

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20 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 105-131.1A reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 105-131.1A. Taxation of S Corporation as a taxed pass-through entity.**

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23 (b) Taxable Income of Taxed S Corporation. – A tax is imposed for the taxable period on
24 the North Carolina taxable income of a taxed S Corporation. The tax shall be levied, collected,
25 and paid ~~annually.~~ annually, unless otherwise provided for by this section. The tax is imposed on
26 the North Carolina taxable income at the rate levied in G.S. 105-153.7. The North Carolina
27 taxable income of a taxed S Corporation is determined as follows:

28 ...

29 (g) Payment of Tax. – Except as provided in subsection (g1) of this section and Article
30 4C of this Chapter, the full amount of the tax payable as shown on the return of the taxed S
31 Corporation must be paid to the Secretary within the time allowed for filing the return. In the
32 case of any overpayment by a taxed S Corporation of the tax imposed under this section, only
33 the taxed S Corporation may request a refund of the overpayment. If the taxed S Corporation
34 files a return showing an amount due with the return and does not pay the amount shown due,
35 the Department may collect the tax from the taxed S Corporation pursuant to G.S. 105-241.22(1).
36 The Secretary must issue a notice of collection for the amount of tax debt to the taxed S



Corporation. If the tax debt is not paid to the Secretary within 60 days of the date the notice of collection is mailed to the taxed S Corporation, the shareholders of the S Corporation are not allowed the deduction provided in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(1). The Secretary must send the shareholders a notice of proposed assessment in accordance with G.S. 105-241.9. For purposes of this subsection, the term "tax debt" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 105-243.1(a).

(g1) An S Corporation may defer the full amount of tax payable under this Part to the next taxable year if the S Corporation has been in existence less than five years and files a return under this Part showing a State net income of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the taxable year.

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SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 105-157 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-157. When tax must be paid.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in Article 4A of this Chapter, the full amount of the tax payable as shown on the return must be paid to the Secretary within the time allowed for filing the return. If the amount shown to be due is less than one dollar (\$1.00), no payment need be made.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 450, s. 4.

(c) A business entity may defer the full amount of tax payable under this Part to the next taxable year if the business entity has been in existence less than five years and files a return under this Part showing a State net income of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the taxable year. For purposes of this subsection, a "business entity" includes all of the following:

(1) A limited liability company.

(2) A partnership.

(3) A taxed partnership."

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 143-48 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-48. State policy; ~~cooperation in promoting the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors; goods and services contracts; purpose; required annual reports.~~

(a) Policy. – It is the policy of this State to encourage and promote the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, ~~and women contractors~~ contractors, and contractors that have been in operation for less than five years in State purchasing of goods and services. All State agencies, institutions and political subdivisions shall cooperate with the Department of Administration and all other State agencies, institutions and political subdivisions in efforts to encourage the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, ~~and women contractors~~ contractors, and contractors that have been in operation for less than five years in achieving the purpose of this Article, which is to provide for the effective and economical acquisition, management and disposition of goods and services by and through the Department of Administration.

...

(c1) The Department of Administration shall compile information on participation in State contracts subject to this Article by contractors that have been in operation for less than five years and report the information as provided in subsection (d) of this section. The report shall analyze (i) the number and total dollar amount of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in operation for less than five years, including a breakdown by demographics and geographical area, (ii) the percentage of the number of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in operation for less than five years compared to the total number of contracts awarded, and (iii) the percentage of the total dollar amount of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in operation for less than five years compared to the total dollar amount of contracts awarded.

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SECTION 2.(b) G.S. 143-135.5 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 143-135.5. State policy; ~~cooperation in promoting the use of small, minority, physically~~**
2 **~~handicapped and women contractors; construction of public buildings; purpose.~~**

3 (a) It is the policy of this State to encourage and promote the use of small, minority,
4 physically ~~handicapped and~~ handicapped, women ~~contractors~~ contractors, and contractors that
5 have been in operation for less than five years in State construction projects. All State agencies,
6 institutions and political subdivisions shall cooperate with the Department of Administration and
7 all other State agencies, institutions and political subdivisions in efforts to encourage and
8 promote the use of small, minority, physically ~~handicapped and~~ handicapped, women ~~contractors~~
9 contractors, and contractors that have been in operation for less than five years in achieving the
10 purpose of this Article, which is the effective and economical construction of public buildings.

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12 (c) The Department of Administration shall compile information on participation in State
13 contracts subject to this Article by contractors that have been in operation for less than five years
14 and report the information as provided in G.S. 143-48(d). The report shall analyze (i) the number
15 and total dollar amount of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in operation for
16 less than five years, including a breakdown by demographics and geographical area, (ii) the
17 percentage of the number of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in operation
18 for less than five years compared to the total number of contracts awarded, and (iii) the
19 percentage of the total dollar amount of State contracts awarded to contractors that have been in
20 operation for less than five years compared to the total dollar amount of contracts awarded."

21 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 143B-1361 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 143B-1361. Information technology procurement policy; reporting requirements.**

23 (a) Policy. – In order to further the policy of the State to encourage and promote the use
24 of small, minority, physically handicapped, ~~and women contractors~~ contractors, and contractors
25 that have been in operation for less than five years in State purchasing of goods and services, all
26 State agencies shall cooperate with the Department in efforts to encourage the use of small,
27 minority, physically handicapped, ~~and women contractors~~ contractors, and contractors that have
28 been in operation for less than five years in achieving the purposes of this Article, which is to
29 provide for the effective and economical acquisition, management, and disposition of
30 information technology.

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32 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
33 January 1, 2026. Section 2 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2025, and applies to contracts
34 awarded on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.