

state-whatever-steps-it-has-taken-to-comply-with-paragraph-(b)(3) of-this-section.--The-Governor's-Office-of-Minority-Affairs-shall report-not-later-than-the-end-of-the-calendar-year--to--the Legislative---Policy---Committee,---summarizing--the--information submitted-under-this-paragraph-by-procurement-agencies.

(3)--The-Legislative-Policy-Committee-shall-direct--at least--1--standing--committee--of--the--House--of--Delegates--and--1 standing-committee-of-the-Senate-of-Maryland-to--review--annually the-performance-of-State-agencies-under-this-subtitle-as-reported in-paragraphs-(1)-and-(2)-of-this-subsection.

(d)--A--department--may-suspend-the-provisions-of-subsection (b)-if-it-concludes-they-conflict--with--any--applicable--federal program--requirement.--Any-such-suspension-shall-be-in-writing-and shall-be-included-with-the-report-required-by-subsection-(c).

(e)-(1)--A-person-may-not:

(i)--Fraudulently--obtain,--retain,--attempt--to obtain-or-retain,--or-aid-another--in--fraudulently--obtaining--or retaining--or--attempting--to-obtain-or-retain-certification-as-a minority-business-enterprise-for-the-purposes-of-this-subtitle;

(ii)--Willfully-make-a-false-statement,--whether by--affidavit,--report,--or--other--representation,--to--a--State official--or--employee--for--the--purpose--of--influencing--the certification-or-denial-of-certification--of--any--entity--as--a minority-business-enterprise;

(iii)--Willfully-obstruct,--impede,--or-attempt-to obstruct--or--impede--any--State--official--or--employee--who--is investigating--the--qualifications-of-a-business-entity-which-has requested-certification-as-a-minority-business-enterprise,--or

(iv)--Fraudulently-obtain,--attempt-to-obtain,--or aid-another-person-in-fraudulently-obtaining--or--attempting--to obtain,--public--moneys-to-which-the-person-is-not-entitled-under this-subtitle.

(2)--Any-person-who-violates-the-provisions-of--this subsection--is--guilty-of-a-feony-and-upon-conviction-is-subject to-imprisonment-for-a-period-of-not-more-than-5-years,--or-a--fine of-not-more-than-\$20,000,--or-both.

(3)--Any---person---convicted--of--having--violated--a provision-of-this-subsection-or-who-has-admitted,--in-writing--or under--oath,--during--the--course--of--an-official-investigation-or other--proceeding,--acts--or--omissions--which--would--constitute grounds-for-conviction-is-subject-to-the-procedures-for-debarment from-consideration--for--or--the--award--of--State--contracts--in accordance-with--general--debarment--regulations--adopted-by-the Board,---Upon-a-finding--of--a--violation--pursuant--to---those