

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4014**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act to ensure diversity in proposal review teams.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:—

3 Section 62. Any state agency or quasi-public nonprofit corporation that solicits state  
4 funding through a request for proposals shall ensure , when possible, that there is a diverse group  
5 of individuals to evaluate the proposals. In selecting the members of the proposal review group,  
6 the chief procurement officer shall include a sufficient number of individuals to adequately  
7 reflect the geographic area and demographics of the population to be served through the grant  
8 program under review. If a state agency or quasi-public nonprofit corporation is unable to  
9 ensure that there is a diverse group of individuals to evaluate proposals, it shall issue a written  
10 statement explaining why having a diverse proposal review group is not possible under the  
11 circumstances.