

## House Bill 493

### Sponsor Testimony

Chairwoman Anielski, Ranking Member Holmes, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak to House Bill 493 which would authorize the Director of Administrative Services to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states with respect to the certification of minority business enterprises and EDGE business enterprises.

The need for this legislation stems from some Ohio companies being shut out of other state programs because we do not have the ability to create reciprocal agreements. Under House Bill 493 the Director of Administrative Services, upon approval of the attorney general, may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the appropriate officials of one or more states, when the other state has a business assistance program or programs substantially similar to the minority business enterprise and EDGE business enterprise programs of this state. By doing this there will be more opportunities for companies in the State of Ohio to grow their businesses. Many other states have entered in reciprocal agreements with other states and it is time for Ohio to do the same.

I have pasted commentary taken directly from the Indiana Dept. of Administration website below to illustrate how they view Ohio companies:



## Indiana Department of Administration

### Ohio

Ohio **does not** recognize Indiana based firms for certification through the Ohio Department of Administration (OHDAS). **We are unable to accept any Ohio companies for Indiana certification.**

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Madam Chairwoman and members of the committee, I ask for your favorable consideration of this legislation. I thank you for your time and would be happy to address any questions you may have at this time.