



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 492 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Gonzales

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Establishes the Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program

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The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) could incur minimal new costs to establish and oversee the Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program. The bill requires the Director of DAS to establish the program and adopt rules creating goals for state agencies and state universities in procuring goods and services from women-owned business enterprises, including eligibility, certification, procurement goals and waivers, and outreach. A status report on the Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program must be included as part of the existing annual report DAS is required to submit to the Governor and General Assembly concerning the Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) and the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) programs.

Under the bill, state agency equal opportunity officers would largely be responsible for monitoring program compliance. However, DAS would be responsible for certification of women-owned business enterprises under the program, issuing waivers for agencies that, despite their best efforts, are unable to obtain their procurement goals, reviewing complaints and appeals from women-owned business enterprises, and conducting an outreach program to educate potential participants about the program.

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