A BILL

To enact section 5167.15 of the Revised Code to require Medicaid managed care organizations to engage in a competitive selection process when contracting with a laboratory services provider.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5167.15 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5167.15. (A) A medicaid managed care organization shall use a competitive selection process when contracting with a vendor to provide laboratory services for the organization under the care management system. The competitive selection process shall include a request for proposal period, during which time a prospective laboratory services vendor may submit a business proposal to the organization outlining the vendor's proposed contract terms regarding providing laboratory services. An organization shall permit a laboratory services vendor to participate in the request for proposal process if the vendor can demonstrate that it has the staff, equipment, and resources necessary to do both of the following:
(1) Process laboratory requests received from the organization in a timely manner;

(2) Comply with the laboratory services requirements specified in the organization's contract with the department of medicaid under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) In evaluating applications during the competitive selection process, if all criteria are equal between two or more laboratory services vendor applicants, a Medicaid managed care organization shall give preference to an applicant whose principal place of business is located in this state.