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A BILL

To enact sections 5.2298, 125.66, and 125.67 of the Revised Code to designate the second week of March as Ohio Women's Week for Policy and Entrepreneurship, to create the Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee, and to require the state, in collaboration with the private sector, to conduct a two-day competition and forum each even-numbered year during the designated week.

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

Section 1. That sections 5.2298, 125.66, and 125.67 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.2298. The second week of March is designated as Ohio women's week for policy and entrepreneurship.

Each even-numbered year, during Ohio women's week for policy and entrepreneurship, the Ohio women's policy and entrepreneurship committee created under section 125.67 of the Revised Code, in collaboration with the private sector, shall

conduct a two-day forum to shine a spotlight on women in Ohio, 18
to encourage, inspire, and counsel women in Ohio to develop 19
tangible business plans, and to conduct a competition in which 20
individuals may present business plans to the Ohio women's 21
policy and entrepreneurship committee. 22

Sec. 125.66. An Ohio women's policy and entrepreneurship 23
committee shall do all of the following: 24

(A) Plan and conduct a two-day competition and forum, as 25
described in section 5.2298 of the Revised Code, to take place 26
each even-numbered year during Ohio women's week for policy and 27
entrepreneurship; 28

(B) Establish procedures for applying to participate in 29
the competition; 30

(C) Establish requirements applicants shall satisfy to 31
participate in the competition, including all of the following: 32

(1) Own a business that satisfies both of the following 33
criteria: 34

(a) Is registered with the Ohio secretary of state; 35

(b) Has been in operation for three or more years. 36

(2) Employ three or more employees on the payroll of the 37
business, including the owner of the business; 38

(3) Possess a valid professional or occupational license, 39
certificate, registration, or permit, if one is required to 40
conduct business in this state. 41

(D) Manage the application process, review applications, 42
and approve a reasonable number of applicants to participate in 43
the competition; 44

(E) Judge the competition and select as a winner the individual who presents the best viable business plan; and 45
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(F) Submit a final report to the general assembly, by the end of the month after the competition has been completed, that summarizes the activities of the committee. 47
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The individual who is selected as the winner of the March 2016 competition is an entrepreneur in residence under section 125.65 of the Revised Code, in addition to the other entrepreneurs in residence appointed under that section. 50
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Sec. 125.67. (A) An Ohio women's policy and entrepreneurship committee is established each odd-numbered year. The committee is composed of eleven members, who shall be appointed in March of each odd-numbered year. The committee shall function for approximately one year, until its duties have been completed. 54
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(B) (1) A committee shall consist of the following members: 60

(a) Four individuals appointed by the president of the senate, including one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party of the senate; 61
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(b) Four individuals appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party of the house of representatives; 64
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(c) Three individuals are appointed by the governor, consisting of two women business leaders or entrepreneurs and one representative of LeanOhio. 68
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(2) Two members of the committee appointed by the president of the senate and two members of the committee 71
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appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall 73
be women business leaders or entrepreneurs. 74

(3) The winner of the most recent competition under 75
section 125.66 of the Revised Code, when willing and able, shall 76
replace the business leader or entrepreneur appointed by the 77
governor, or, if that appointment has not been made, shall be a 78
member of the committee. 79

(C) All appointed members of a committee shall serve at 80
the pleasure of the appointing authority. An appointing 81
authority shall remove a member if the member no longer meets 82
the appointment qualifications. Otherwise, members of a 83
committee shall serve on the committee until the committee has 84
completed its duties. A vacancy on a committee shall be filled 85
in the same manner as the original appointment. 86

(D) At its first meeting, a committee shall elect from 87
among its members a chairperson. The department of 88
administrative services shall provide the committee with meeting 89
space and clerical staff support. 90

(E) Members of a committee are not entitled to 91
compensation for serving on the committee. A member may continue 92
to receive the compensation applying to the member's regular 93
employment. Members of a committee are entitled to reimbursement 94
of actual and necessary expenses incurred because of their 95
service on the committee. 96

(F) A committee ceases to exist after submitting its final 97
report to the general assembly. 98

Section 2. The appointing authorities shall appoint the 99
first Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee within 100
sixty days after the effective date of this section. The 101

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| committee shall begin preparation for Ohio Women's Policy and | 102 |
| Entrepreneurship Week in 2016, and for discharging its duties | 103 |
| pertaining thereto. | 104 |