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## A BILL

То	enact sections 5.2298, 125.66, and 125.67 of the	1
	Revised Code to designate the second week of	2
	March as Ohio Women's Week for Policy and	3
	Entrepreneurship, to create the Ohio Women's	4
	Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee, and to	5
	require the state, in collaboration with the	6
	private sector, to conduct a two-day competition	7
	and forum each even-numbered year during the	8
	designated week.	9

#### 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	10
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	11
Sec. 5.2298. The second week of March is designated as_	12
Ohio women's week for policy and entrepreneurship.	13
Each even-numbered year, during Ohio women's week for	14
policy and entrepreneurship, the Ohio women's policy and	15

entrepreneurship committee created under section 123.67 of the	Τ 0
Revised Code, in collaboration with the private sector, shall	17
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	
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
<pre>criteria:</pre>	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
<pre>the competition;</pre>	44
(E) Judge the competition and select as a winner the	45
individual who presents the best viable business plan; and	
(F) Submit a final report to the general assembly, by the	47
end of the month after the competition has been completed, that	48
summarizes the activities of the committee.	
The individual who is selected as the winner of the March	50
2016 competition is an entrepreneur in residence under section	51
125.65 of the Revised Code, in addition to the other	52
entrepreneurs in residence appointed under that section.	53
Sec. 125.67. (A) An Ohio women's policy and	54
entrepreneurship committee is established each odd-numbered	55
year. The committee is composed of eleven members, who shall be	56
appointed in March of each odd-numbered year. The committee	57
shall function for approximately one year, until its duties have	58
been completed.	59
(B)(1) A committee shall consist of the following members:	60
(a) Four individuals appointed by the president of the	61
senate, including one member of the minority party of the	62
senate, as recommended by the minority leader of the senate, and	63
one member of the majority party of the senate;	64
(b) Four individuals appointed by the speaker of the house	65
of representatives, including one member of the minority party	66
of the house of representatives, as recommended by the minority	67
leader of the house of representatives, and one member of the	68
majority party of the house of representatives;	69
(c) Three individuals appointed by the governor,	70

consisting of two women business leaders or entrepreneurs and	71
one representative of LeanOhio.	
(2) Two members of the committee appointed by the	73
president of the senate and two members of the committee	74
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall	75
be women business leaders or entrepreneurs.	76
(3) The winner of the most recent competition under	77
section 125.66 of the Revised Code, when willing and able, shall	78
replace the business leader or entrepreneur appointed by the	79
governor, or, if that appointment has not been made, shall be a	80
member of the committee.	81
(C) All appointed members of a committee shall serve at	82
the pleasure of the appointing authority. An appointing	83
authority shall remove a member if the member no longer meets	84
the appointment qualifications. Otherwise, members of a	85
committee shall serve on the committee until the committee has	86
completed its duties. A vacancy on a committee shall be filled	87
in the same manner as the original appointment.	88
(D) At its first meeting, a committee shall elect from	89
among its members a chairperson. The department of	90
administrative services shall provide the committee with meeting	91
space and clerical staff support.	92
(E) Members of a committee are not entitled to	93
compensation for serving on the committee. A member may continue	94
to receive the compensation applying to the member's regular	95
employment. Members of a committee are entitled to reimbursement	96
of actual and necessary expenses incurred because of their	97
service on the committee.	98
(F) A committee ceases to exist after submitting its final	99

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report to the general assembly.	100
Section 2. The appointing authorities shall appoint the	101
first Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee within	102
sixty days after the effective date of this section. The	103
committee shall begin preparation for Ohio Women's Policy and	104
Entrepreneurship Week in 2016, and for discharging its duties	105
pertaining thereto.	106