



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 492 of the 132nd G.A.  
(L\_132\_2048-2)

**Status:** In House State and Local Government

**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 establishing (1) procedures by which a business may apply for certification as a women-owned business, (2) standards to determine when a women-owned business no longer qualifies for certification, (3) a system to make a list of women-owned businesses publicly available, (4) a process to mediate complaints and to review certification appeals, and (5) a system to assist state agencies in identifying and utilizing women-owned businesses in their contracting. Additionally, the bill requires the Director to adopt rules that implement an outreach program to educate potential participants about the program and implement a system of self-reporting by women-owned businesses as well as on-site inspection processes to validate qualifications of women-owned businesses. Finally, the bill requires that a status report on the Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program 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. The bill does not establish goals for contracting with or procuring goods and services from businesses certified under the program.

### Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

- The bill's fiscal effects remain unchanged under the substitute bill.