



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 103 of the 131st G.A.

Date: June 24, 2015

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Pelanda and Kunze

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the second week of March as Ohio Women's Week for Policy and Entrepreneurship and creates the Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) could incur costs in the range of \$100,000 or more to provide a program administrator or other clerical staff, meeting space, and expense reimbursements for each appointed Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee. DAS could also incur costs for event planning services associated with the competition to be held in even-numbered years under the bill. These costs would likely be paid from GRF appropriation item 100452, Lean Ohio.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

The bill designates the second week of March as Ohio Women's Week for Policy and Entrepreneurship. The bill also creates, in each odd-numbered year, an Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee to plan a two-day forum and competition to be held in even-numbered years to encourage, inspire, and counsel women in Ohio to develop tangible business plans. From among the contestants, the Committee is to select the person that presents the best viable business plan. The bill specifies that the March 2016 winner is to be designated as an entrepreneur in residence under existing section 125.65 of the Revised Code. Each committee formed under the bill would function for approximately one year until it submits a final report of its activities to the General Assembly. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) would be responsible for supporting the activities of the Committee under the bill, although it is possible that private sector participants could bear some share of the costs as well. The potential state costs related to the bill are described below.

Support provided by DAS

DAS will incur new staffing and event planning costs for its part in providing support for the Ohio Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committee. The bill specifically requires DAS to provide clerical staff support and meeting space for the Committee. Additionally, although the bill specifies that members do not receive compensation for their service, they are entitled to reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses incurred as a result of their service on the Committee. Presumably, DAS would be responsible for these reimbursements. Because the bill requires the business plan competition to be conducted in collaboration with the private sector, there is the possibility that some event costs would be shared with these private sector participants. According to DAS, total costs for supporting the Women's Policy and Entrepreneurship Committees could be in excess of \$100,000 per committee. This estimate includes wages and benefits for the assigned DAS staff, meeting space, reimbursements, and event planning services. These costs would likely be paid from GRF appropriation item 100452, Lean Ohio.