



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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H.B. 600

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This document summarizes L_132_0025-2 (the proposed substitute for H.B. 600), which replaces the "Access to Global Market Opportunities for Ohio Manufactured Products Program" with the "Ohio ambassador list" that is designed to achieve similar objectives. The substitute draft replaces the language of the As Introduced bill in its entirety.

The substitute draft does the following:

- Requires the Director of Development Services to create and maintain a list of persons with experience conducting business in foreign markets.
- Requires that the list be published on the Development Services Agency's (DSA's) website where it can be accessed by Ohio businesses that seek assistance in establishing relationships, brokering transactions, or promoting themselves in foreign markets or getting advice or information on local customs or languages.
- Establishes a procedure by which DSA would solicit and receive the contact information and qualifications of persons that wish to be included on the list.
- Requires DSA to annually contact each person on the list to update contact information and qualifications and to confirm that they wish to remain on the list. Inclusion on the list is voluntary and may be initiated by the person or by being recruited by the DSA.
- Specifies that inclusion on the list is not an endorsement of DSA or the state, that neither DSA nor the state are liable for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance committed by a listed person in performing services for Ohio businesses, and that a person on the list is not a state employee or agent and may not be compensated by DSA.

A description of the currently pending version of H.B. 600, As Introduced, is published on the General Assembly's website at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=9576&format=pdf>.

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