Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. H.B. 436

129th General Assembly
(As Reported by S. Ways & Means & Economic Development)

Reps. Grossman and Anielski, Thompson, Wachtmann, Combs, Landis, Terhar, Baker, Pelanda, C. Hagan, Buchy, Kozlowski, Henne, Newbold, Barnes, R. Adams, Amstutz, Antonio, Blair, Blessing, Boose, Carney, Celebrezze, Celeste, Damschroder, Derickson, DeVitis, Dovilla, Driehaus, Duffey, Gardner, Garland, Hackett, Hall, Hayes, Heard, Hill, Huffman, Mallory, Matheney, McClain, Milkovich, O'Brien, Patmon, Phillips, Pillich, Reece, Roegner, Ruhl, Schuring, Sears, Slaby, Sprague, Stebelton, Stinziano, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Batchelder

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the SiteOhio Certification Program within the Department of Development to certify and market eligible commercial, industrial, and manufacturing sites and facilities.
- Requires the Director of Development to prescribe the criteria for eligibility for certification.
- Establishes the SiteOhio Administration Fund to pay the administrative expenses of the Department associated with the Certification Program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

SiteOhio Certification Program

The bill creates the SiteOhio Certification Program, administered by the Department of Development, to certify and market "eligible projects." An eligible project is a project that, upon completion, will be a site and facility primarily intended for commercial, industrial, or manufacturing use. Eligible projects do not include sites and facilities intended primarily for residential, retail, or government use.

The bill requires the Director to establish scoring criteria, scoring instruments, and materials for use by the Department in reviewing applications under the Certification Program. The Director has discretion to include evaluation of "quality of

life" indicators and "community assets" where practicable. The scoring criteria, scoring instruments, and materials must be published and must be made available with applications for certification. Any person or political subdivision may apply for site certification by submitting the application to the Director along with any additional materials the Director may require. If an applicant meets all of the established scoring criteria, the Director must approve the application and certify the applicant's eligible project. Certified eligible projects must be listed on the Department's web site and marketed by the Director to interested persons.

The Director must adopt rules necessary to implement and operate the Certification Program. These rules may require applicants for certification to pay fees to cover administrative costs incurred by the Department in the administration of the Certification Program. The Director is permitted to contract with one or more persons to administer all or part of the Certification Program. The Director also is permitted to limit the number of eligible projects to be certified based on the available resources and capabilities of the Department.[1]

SiteOhio Administration Fund

The bill creates the SiteOhio Administration Fund within the state treasury. All money collected from applicants for site certification is to be allocated to the Fund. The Director of Development must utilize the Fund to pay the administrative expenses associated with administering the SiteOhio Certification Program.[2]

HISTORY

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[1] R.C. 122.97.

[2] R.C. 122.971.