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To enact section 123.12 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Administrative Services to 2
establish a procurement program for veteran-owned 3
small business enterprises. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 123.12 of the Revised Code be enacted 5
to read as follows: 6

Sec. 123.12. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 of 8
the Revised Code. 9

(2) "Veteran" means a person who served in the active 10
military, naval, or air service of the United States or reserve 11
components thereof, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military 12
reserve, or the Ohio naval militia, and who was discharged or 13
released under conditions other than dishonorable. 14

(3) "Veteran-owned small business enterprise" means a sole 15
proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited 16
liability company, or joint venture that is owned and controlled 17
by one or more veterans and is certified as a participant in the 18
veteran-owned small business program by the director of 19
administrative services under this section. 20

(B) The director of administrative services shall establish the veteran-owned small business procurement program. The director shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer the program that do all of the following: 21
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(1) Establish procedures by which a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or joint venture may apply for certification as a veteran-owned small business enterprise; 25
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(2) Establish standards to determine when a veteran-owned small business enterprise no longer qualifies for veteran-owned small business enterprise certification; 29
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(3) Establish annual state agency procurement goals for contracting with veteran-owned small business enterprises in the award of contracts for goods and services under the Revised Code based on the availability of veteran-owned small business enterprises; 32
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(4) Develop a process for evaluating and adjusting procurement goals established under this section as necessary to achieve participation goals established by the director; 37
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(5) Establish a system to assist state agencies in identifying and utilizing veteran-owned small business enterprises in their contracting processes; 40
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(6) Implement an outreach program to educate potential participants about the veteran-owned small business program; and 43
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(7) Establish a process for monitoring state agency overall compliance with procurement goals established under this section. 45
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The director shall consider the applicable provisions of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-183) in order to adopt rules that are consistent with that act. 47
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