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HUGHES ANNOUNCES SENATE BILL 2 SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR

Legislation reforms how businesses to be regulated in Ohio



State Senator Jim Hughes (right) watches as Governor John Kasich (center) signs Senate Bill 2 into law.

COLUMBUS— State Senator Jim Hughes (R- Columbus) announced today that Senate Bill 2, legislation he sponsored that creates a new office tasked with ensuring that state rules and regulations do not act as barriers to job creation and retention and also improving compliance has been signed into law by Ohio Governor John Kasich.

“Making sure Ohio’s regulatory environment is one that helps companies in their efforts to expand and bring jobs to Ohio rather than hinders those efforts has been a priority of the

Legislature for several years, and I am pleased to see officials moving government officials moving ahead on this front with the passage of SB 2,” Hughes said. “I want to thank all those who helped get this bill passed in a timely fashion, as we can now begin the process of removing government red tape and making it easier for businesses to create jobs in Ohio.”

SB 2 establishes the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO), which will work with state agencies to help ensure that any new rules or regulations do not have an adverse impact on small businesses, and creates the Small Business Advisory Council to advise the Governor, Lt. Governor and CSIO on similar matters. The bill also requires that state agencies develop customer service standards for employees and adds a new level of accountability to the rulemaking process by permitting the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review to invalidate a rule if it determines that the regulatory purpose does not outweigh the impact to businesses.