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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Small Business Certification  
3       Program; creating s. 288.7032, F.S.; requiring the  
4       Office of Supplier Diversity of the Department of  
5       Management Services to establish the program;  
6       providing a purpose for the program; requiring  
7       political subdivisions to accept small businesses  
8       certified under the program for specified provisions  
9       of law; authorizing the department to adopt rules;  
10      providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14       Section 1. Section 288.7032, Florida Statutes, is created  
15 to read:

16       288.7032 Small Business Certification Program.—

17       (1) The Office of Supplier Diversity of the Department of  
18 Management Services shall establish the Small Business  
19 Certification Program. The purpose of the program is to certify  
20 small businesses that meet the definition of a small business in  
21 s. 288.703.

22       (2) A small business certified under this section must be  
23 accepted by political subdivisions as a small business for the  
24 purposes of ss. 288.702-288.706, regardless of any additional  
25 certification process established by any political subdivision.

26       (3) The Department of Management Services may adopt rules  
27 to implement this section.

28       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.