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**A BILL**

To amend section 103.13 and to enact sections 1  
103.132 and 3701.35 of the Revised Code to 2  
require the Legislative Service Commission to 3  
create health impact statements for introduced 4  
bills, to create the Health and Equity 5  
Interagency Team, and to name this act the 6  
Health Equity In All Health Related Policy Act. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 103.13 be amended and sections 8  
103.132 and 3701.35 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9  
follows: 10

**Sec. 103.13.** The Ohio legislative service commission 11  
shall: 12

(A) Conduct research, make investigations, and secure 13  
information or data on any subject and make reports thereon to 14  
the general assembly; 15

(B) Ascertain facts and make reports concerning the state 16  
budget, the revenues and expenditures of the state, and of the 17  
organization and functions of the state, its departments, 18

subdivisions, and agencies; 19

(C) Make surveys, investigations, and studies, and compile 20  
data, information, and records on any question which may be 21  
referred to it by either house of the general assembly or any 22  
standing committee of the general assembly; 23

(D) Assist and cooperate with any interim legislative 24  
committee or other agency created by the general assembly; 25

(E) Prepare or advise in the preparation of any bill or 26  
resolution, when requested by any member of the general 27  
assembly; 28

(F) Collect, classify, and index the documents of the 29  
state which shall include executive and legislative documents 30  
and departmental reports and keep on file all bills, 31  
resolutions, and official journals printed by order of either 32  
house of the general assembly; 33

(G) Provide members of the general assembly with impartial 34  
and accurate information and reports concerning legislative 35  
problems in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission; 36

(H) Annually collect the reports required by section 37  
4743.01 of the Revised Code and prepare a report evaluating the 38  
extent to which state boards and commissions which regulate 39  
occupations are financially self-supporting. The report shall be 40  
presented to the speaker and the minority leader of the house of 41  
representatives, the president and the minority leader of the 42  
senate, and the chairperson and ranking minority member of the 43  
finance committees of both houses, on or before the thirty-first 44  
day of December each year. 45

(I) Codify the rules of administrative agencies of the 46  
state in accordance with the provisions of section 103.05 of the 47

Revised Code; 48

(J) Publish the register of Ohio under section 103.051 of 49  
the Revised Code; 50

(K) Operate the electronic rule-filing system under 51  
section 103.0511 of the Revised Code; 52

(L) Issue health impact statements concerning bills in 53  
accordance with the review process described in section 103.132 54  
of the Revised Code. 55

**Sec. 103.132.** (A) As used in this section: 56

(1) "Health" means the state of a natural person's 57  
physical, mental, and social well-being and is not limited to 58  
the absence of disease or infirmity. 59

(2) "Health disparities" means differences between 60  
demographic groups with respect to mortality, the incidence or 61  
prevalence of disease or other adverse health conditions, or 62  
access to health care services. As used in this division, 63  
"demographic groups" includes, but is not limited to, groups 64  
based on economic, geographic, racial, ethnic, migration status, 65  
disability, sexual orientation, or other demographic factors. 66

(3) "Health equity" means the absence of obstacles to 67  
health that may prevent an individual or group from achieving 68  
full health potential. 69

(4) "Social determinants of health" means the range of 70  
personal, social, economic, and environmental factors that 71  
influence health status. "Social determinants of health" 72  
includes, but is not limited to, income, education, family, 73  
housing, racism, food security, environment, community, and 74  
transportation. 75

(B) The general assembly finds that health equity may be 76  
accomplished by removing obstacles to health, such as poverty, 77  
discrimination, and racism, and further finds that the 78  
consequences of poverty, discrimination, and racism, including 79  
unsafe living environments, general powerlessness, lack of 80  
access to good jobs with fair pay, and poor quality education, 81  
housing, transportation, and health care contribute to health 82  
inequity. 83

(C) The staff of the Ohio legislative service commission 84  
shall review each bill introduced in the general assembly on or 85  
after the effective date of this section and prepare a health 86  
impact statement concerning the bill. The health impact 87  
statement shall analyze whether the bill might have a positive, 88  
negative, or neutral impact on any of the following: 89

(1) The health of Ohioans; 90

(2) The accomplishment of health equity in this state; 91

(3) The health or health equity of specific populations or 92  
persons residing in specific geographic areas in this state; 93

(4) The social determinants of health for the most 94  
vulnerable persons in this state, including specific populations 95  
or persons residing in specific geographic areas. 96

(D) The staff of the Ohio legislative service commission 97  
shall prepare the health impact statement as soon as possible, 98  
but not later than the date the bill is scheduled for a second 99  
hearing in a committee in the house in which the bill was 100  
introduced, or not later than thirty days after being requested 101  
by a member of the general assembly. 102

(E) A bill shall not be voted out of committee until after 103  
the committee members have received and considered the health 104

impact statement. 105

Sec. 3701.35. (A) As used in this section: 106

(1) "Health," "health equity," and "the social 107  
determinants of health" have the same meanings as in section 108  
103.132 of the Revised Code. 109

(2) "State agency" means every organized body, office, 110  
agency, institution, or other entity established by the laws of 111  
this state for the exercise of any function of state government. 112

(B) The health and equity interagency team is created in 113  
the department of health for the purpose of ensuring 114  
collaboration among all state agencies. The department of health 115  
shall administer the team, and each state agency shall appoint a 116  
liaison to the team. 117

(C) The team shall do all of the following: 118

(1) Work across the government of this state to coordinate 119  
resources and implement strategies to address health and health 120  
equity factors impacted by the social determinants of health; 121

(2) Create links between various policy areas; 122

(3) Build new partnerships to promote health and health 123  
equity; 124

(4) Develop common metrics of success for health outcomes 125  
among disparate populations and for increased government 126  
efficiency. 127

(D) Not later than the thirty-first day of December of 128  
each year, the team shall submit a state health equity report to 129  
the director of health, who shall make it available to the 130  
public on the official web site of the department of health. 131

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| <b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 103.13 of the Revised     | 132 |
| Code is hereby repealed.                                          | 133 |
| <b>Section 3.</b> This act shall be known as the Health Equity In | 134 |
| All Health Related Policy Act.                                    | 135 |