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Committee**

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Representatives Pavliga, Edwards

**Cosponsors: Representatives Click, Grendell, Holmes, Plummer, White,
Carruthers, Liston**

A BILL

To enact sections 103.55, 103.551, and 103.552 of
the Revised Code to establish the Adverse
Childhood Experiences Study Commission.

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

Section 1. That sections 103.55, 103.551, and 103.552 of
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 103.55. (A) As used in this section and sections
103.551 and 103.552 of the Revised Code, "adverse childhood
experiences" are potentially traumatic events that occur in
childhood, including various forms of physical and emotional
abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction.

(B) There is hereby created the adverse childhood
experiences study commission. The commission shall:

(1) Gather data on adverse childhood experiences;

(2) Study the effects of adverse childhood experiences;

(3) Recommend legislative strategies to the general

<u>assembly for addressing the prevalence and effects of adverse</u>	16
<u>childhood experiences.</u>	17
<u>(C) The commission shall consist of the following members:</u>	18
<u>(1) The following members appointed by the governor:</u>	19
<u>(a) One social worker or school counselor who has worked</u>	20
<u>with children experiencing violence, abuse, and neglect;</u>	21
<u>(b) One current or former law enforcement officer with</u>	22
<u>expertise in community violence;</u>	23
<u>(c) One representative from an organization that serves</u>	24
<u>adult suicide survivors;</u>	25
<u>(d) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	26
<u>social science field who is an expert on child suicide and</u>	27
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	28
<u>(e) One current or former judge of a municipal or common</u>	29
<u>pleas court;</u>	30
<u>(f) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	31
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology;</u>	32
<u>(g) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	33
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology who has experience treating</u>	34
<u>chemical dependency and substance abuse;</u>	35
<u>(h) One individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the</u>	36
<u>Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic</u>	37
<u>medicine and surgery;</u>	38
<u>(i) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	39
<u>social science field who is an expert on family dynamics and</u>	40
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	41
<u>(j) One representative of the department of job and family</u>	42

services; 43

(k) One person who holds certification as a crisis 44
intervention specialist from a national credentialing 45
organization; 46

(l) One representative from the children's trust fund. 47

(2) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party 48
and one from the minority party, both appointed by the president 49
of the senate; 50

(3) Two members of the house of representatives, one from 51
the majority party and one from the minority party, both 52
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. 53

(D) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of 54
this section, initial appointments shall be made to the 55
commission. Thereafter, appointments shall be made within thirty 56
days of a vacancy in the commission. Following the commencement 57
of a new general assembly, the president of the senate and the 58
speaker of the house of representatives shall make new 59
appointments to the commission. 60

(E) In odd-numbered years, the commission shall designate 61
by majority vote one commission member from the senate as the 62
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the house 63
of representatives as the vice-chairperson. In even-numbered 64
years, the commission shall designate by majority vote one 65
commission member from the house of representatives as the 66
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the 67
senate as the vice-chairperson. 68

(F) Members shall serve without compensation except to the 69
extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the 70
member's regular duties of employment. The commission shall 71

reimburse each member for actual and necessary expenses incurred 72
in the performance of the member's official duties. 73

(G) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the 74
conduct of meetings. The commission shall comply with public 75
records and open meetings requirements as described in sections 76
121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code. 77

(H) The commission shall abide by rules governing the 78
senate and the house of representatives that pertain to decorum. 79

(I) The general assembly shall provide meeting space, 80
staff services, and other technical assistance required by the 81
commission in carrying out its duties. 82

Sec. 103.551. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 83
commission shall hold its first meeting not more than sixty days 84
after initial appointments are made. Thereafter, the commission 85
shall meet once quarterly. 86

(B) The first meeting of each calendar year shall be an 87
organizational meeting to elect a chairperson and vice- 88
chairperson, and set a calendar for the remainder of the year. 89

(C) During one meeting each year, each member appointed by 90
the governor shall present to the commission information 91
relevant to the member's area of expertise, including 92
suggestions for legislative approaches to address the prevalence 93
and effects of adverse childhood experiences. 94

Sec. 103.552. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 95
commission shall prepare an annual report summarizing the 96
following: 97

(1) Information and data collected by the commission 98
regarding the prevalence and effects of adverse childhood 99

<u>experiences;</u>	100
<u>(2) Possible legislative strategies for addressing the</u>	101
<u>prevalence and effects of adverse childhood experiences.</u>	102
<u>(B) The commission shall submit a copy of each report to</u>	103
<u>the general assembly. The report shall be submitted in</u>	104
<u>accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.</u>	105
<u>(C) The initial report shall be submitted not later than</u>	106
<u>one year after the effective date of this section, and annually</u>	107
<u>thereafter.</u>	108
<u>(D) On submission of its fourth report, the commission</u>	109
<u>shall cease to exist.</u>	110