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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, environmental, or community
dysfunction.

(B) The adverse childhood experiences study commission is
created. The commission shall recommend legislative strategies
to the general assembly for addressing the prevalence and
effects of adverse childhood experiences.

<u>(C) The commission shall consist of the following members:</u>	16
<u>(1) The following members appointed by the governor:</u>	17
<u>(a) One social worker or school counselor who has worked</u>	18
<u>with children experiencing violence, abuse, and neglect;</u>	19
<u>(b) One current or former law enforcement officer with</u>	20
<u>expertise in community violence or domestic violence;</u>	21
<u>(c) One current or former judge who presides or presided</u>	22
<u>over domestic relations or juvenile proceedings;</u>	23
<u>(d) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	24
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology;</u>	25
<u>(e) One individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the</u>	26
<u>Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic</u>	27
<u>medicine and surgery who practices pediatric medicine;</u>	28
<u>(f) Two individuals who have earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	29
<u>social science field and are experts on adverse childhood</u>	30
<u>experiences and employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	31
<u>(g) One representative of the department of children and</u>	32
<u>youth;</u>	33
<u>(h) One person who holds certification as a crisis</u>	34
<u>intervention specialist from a national credentialing</u>	35
<u>organization;</u>	36
<u>(i) One representative from the children's trust fund;</u>	37
<u>(j) One clinician who works in a residential facility as</u>	38
<u>defined in section 5103.05 or 5119.34 of the Revised Code that</u>	39
<u>serves children with behavioral health needs and has experience</u>	40
<u>in trauma-informed care;</u>	41
<u>(k) Two individuals with lived experience in adverse</u>	42

<u>childhood experiences or parents of such an individual;</u>	43
<u>(l) One representative of the association of Ohio health</u>	44
<u>commissioners or a successor organization;</u>	45
<u>(m) One representative of the Ohio association of county</u>	46
<u>behavioral health authorities or a successor organization;</u>	47
<u>(n) One mental health professional who serves infants or</u>	48
<u>children up to five years of age;</u>	49
<u>(o) One representative of the department of mental health</u>	50
<u>and addiction services;</u>	51
<u>(p) One representative of the Ohio school psychologists</u>	52
<u>association;</u>	53
<u>(q) One representative of the Ohio council of behavioral</u>	54
<u>health and family services providers;</u>	55
<u>(r) One representative of the public children services</u>	56
<u>association of Ohio;</u>	57
<u>(s) One representative of the department of medicaid;</u>	58
<u>(t) One representative of a medicaid managed care</u>	59
<u>organization, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	60
<u>(2) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party</u>	61
<u>and one from the minority party, both appointed by the president</u>	62
<u>of the senate;</u>	63
<u>(3) Two members of the house of representatives, one from</u>	64
<u>the majority party and one from the minority party, both</u>	65
<u>appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.</u>	66
<u>(D) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of</u>	67
<u>this section, initial appointments shall be made to the</u>	68
<u>commission. Thereafter, appointments shall be made within thirty</u>	69

days of a vacancy in the commission. Following the commencement 70
of a new general assembly, the president of the senate and the 71
speaker of the house of representatives shall make new 72
appointments to the commission. 73

(E) In odd-numbered years, the commission shall designate 74
by majority vote one commission member from the senate as the 75
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the house 76
of representatives as the vice-chairperson. In even-numbered 77
years, the commission shall designate by majority vote one 78
commission member from the house of representatives as the 79
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the 80
senate as the vice-chairperson. 81

(F) Members shall serve without compensation except to the 82
extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the 83
member's regular duties of employment. 84

(G) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the 85
conduct of meetings. The commission shall comply with public 86
records and open meetings requirements as described in sections 87
121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code. 88

(H) The commission shall abide by rules governing the 89
senate and the house of representatives that pertain to decorum. 90

(I) The general assembly shall provide meeting space, 91
staff services, and other technical assistance required by the 92
commission in carrying out its duties. 93

Sec. 103.551. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 94
commission shall hold its first meeting not more than sixty days 95
after initial appointments are made. Thereafter, the commission 96
shall meet once quarterly. 97

(B) The first meeting of each calendar year shall be an 98

organizational meeting to elect a chairperson and vice- 99
chairperson, and set a calendar for the remainder of the year. 100

(C) During one meeting each year, each member appointed by 101
the governor shall present to the commission information 102
relevant to the member's area of expertise, including 103
suggestions for legislative approaches to address the prevalence 104
and effects of adverse childhood experiences. 105

Sec. 103.552. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 106
commission shall prepare an annual report summarizing possible 107
legislative strategies for addressing the prevalence and effects 108
of adverse childhood experiences. 109

(B) The commission shall submit a copy of each report to 110
the general assembly. The report shall be submitted in 111
accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. 112

(C) The initial report shall be submitted not later than 113
one year after the effective date of this section, and annually 114
thereafter. 115

(D) On submission of its fourth report, the commission 116
shall cease to exist. 117