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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 and to create the Health and Equity 5
Interagency Team. 6

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

Section 1. That section 103.13 be amended and sections 7
103.132 and 3701.35 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 103.13. The Ohio legislative service commission 10
shall: 11

(A) Conduct research, make investigations, and secure 12
information or data on any subject and make reports thereon to 13
the general assembly; 14

(B) Ascertain facts and make reports concerning the state 15
budget, the revenues and expenditures of the state, and of the 16
organization and functions of the state, its departments, 17

subdivisions, and agencies; 18

(C) Make surveys, investigations, and studies, and compile 19
data, information, and records on any question which may be 20
referred to it by either house of the general assembly or any 21
standing committee of the general assembly; 22

(D) Assist and cooperate with any interim legislative 23
committee or other agency created by the general assembly; 24

(E) Prepare or advise in the preparation of any bill or 25
resolution, when requested by any member of the general 26
assembly; 27

(F) Collect, classify, and index the documents of the 28
state which shall include executive and legislative documents 29
and departmental reports and keep on file all bills, 30
resolutions, and official journals printed by order of either 31
house of the general assembly; 32

(G) Provide members of the general assembly with impartial 33
and accurate information and reports concerning legislative 34
problems in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission; 35

(H) Annually collect the reports required by section 36
4743.01 of the Revised Code and prepare a report evaluating the 37
extent to which state boards and commissions which regulate 38
occupations are financially self-supporting. The report shall be 39
presented to the speaker and the minority leader of the house of 40
representatives, the president and the minority leader of the 41
senate, and the chairperson and ranking minority member of the 42
finance committees of both houses, on or before the thirty-first 43
day of December each year. 44

(I) Codify the rules of administrative agencies of the 45
state in accordance with the provisions of section 103.05 of the 46

Revised Code; 47

(J) Publish the register of Ohio under section 103.051 of 48
the Revised Code; 49

(K) Operate the electronic rule-filing system under 50
section 103.0511 of the Revised Code; 51

(L) Issue health impact statements concerning bills in 52
accordance with the review process described in section 103.132 53
of the Revised Code. 54

Sec. 103.132. (A) As used in this section: 55

(1) "Health" means the state of a natural person's 56
physical, mental, and social well-being and is not limited to 57
the absence of disease or infirmity. 58

(2) "Health disparities" means differences between 59
demographic groups with respect to mortality, the incidence or 60
prevalence of disease or other adverse health conditions, or 61
access to health care services. As used in this division, 62
"demographic groups" includes, but is not limited to, groups 63
based on economic, geographic, racial, ethnic, migration status, 64
disability, or other demographic factors. 65

(3) "Health equity" means the absence of obstacles to 66
health that may prevent an individual or group from achieving 67
full health potential. 68

(4) "Social determinants of health" means the range of 69
personal, social, economic, and environmental factors that 70
influence health status. "Social determinants of health" 71
includes, but is not limited to, income, education, family, 72
housing, food security, environment, community, and 73
transportation. 74

(B) The general assembly finds that health equity may be 75
accomplished by removing obstacles to health, such as poverty 76
and discrimination, and further finds that the consequences of 77
poverty and discrimination, including unsafe living 78
environments, general powerlessness, lack of access to good jobs 79
with fair pay, and poor quality education, housing, 80
transportation, and health care contribute to health inequity. 81

(C) The staff of the Ohio legislative service commission 82
shall review each bill introduced in the general assembly on or 83
after the effective date of this section and prepare a health 84
impact statement concerning the bill. The health impact 85
statement shall analyze whether the bill might have a positive, 86
negative, or neutral impact on any of the following: 87

(1) The health of Ohioans; 88

(2) The accomplishment of health equity in this state; 89

(3) The health or health equity of specific populations or 90
persons residing in specific geographic areas in this state; 91

(4) The social determinants of health for the most 92
vulnerable populations in this state. 93

(D) The legislative service commission shall prepare the 94
health impact statement as soon as possible, but not later than 95
the date the bill is scheduled for a second hearing in a 96
committee in the house in which the bill was introduced, or no 97
later than thirty days after being requested by a member of the 98
general assembly. 99

(E) A bill shall not be voted out of committee until after 100
the committee members have received and considered the health 101
impact statement, unless two-thirds of the members of the 102
committee in which the bill is pending suspend this requirement. 103

Sec. 3701.35. (A) As used in this section: 104

(1) "Health," "health equity," and "the social 105
determinants of health" have the same meanings as in section 106
103.132 of the Revised Code. 107

(2) "State agency" means every organized body, office, 108
agency, institution, or other entity established by the laws of 109
this state for the exercise of any function of state government. 110

(B) The health and equity interagency team is created in 111
the department of health for the purpose of ensuring 112
collaboration among all state agencies. The department of health 113
shall administer the team, and each state agency shall appoint a 114
liaison to the team. 115

(C) The team shall do all of the following: 116

(1) Work across the government of this state to coordinate 117
resources and implement strategies to address health and health 118
equity factors impacted by the social determinants of health; 119

(2) Create links between various policy areas; 120

(3) Build new partnerships to promote health and health 121
equity; 122

(4) Develop common metrics of success for health outcomes 123
among disparate populations and for increased government 124
efficiency. 125

(D) Not later than the thirty-first day of December of 126
each year, the team shall submit a state health and health 127
equity report to the director of health, who shall make it 128
available to the public on the official web site of the 129
department of health. 130

Section 2. That existing section 103.13 of the Revised	131
Code is hereby repealed.	132