A BILL

To create the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group.

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

Section 1. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group. The purpose of the Stakeholder Group shall be to coordinate and plan the creation of a comprehensive learning network to support young children and their families in facilitating social, emotional, and behavioral development and to seek to reduce behavioral health disparities among young children.

(B) The Stakeholder Group shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives created pursuant to Executive Order 2019-02D;
(2) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;  

(3) The Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the Director's designee;  

(4) The Medicaid Director, or the Director's designee;  

(5) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Superintendent's designee;  

(6) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, or the Executive Director's designee;  

(7) The Executive Director of the Commission on Minority Health, or the Executive Director's designee;  

(8) Members selected by the Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives, including at least one member who is a parent of a child with mental illness and one or more members from each of the following:  

(a) The Ohio Children's Hospital Association;  

(b) The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;  

(c) The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio;  

(d) Federally qualified health centers;  

(e) Community behavioral health services providers;  

(f) Boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services;  

(g) Primary and secondary schools.  

(C) The Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives shall select the members identified in division (B)(8) of this
section not later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. Not later than 30 days after the Director selects the members, the Director shall convene the initial meeting of the Stakeholder Group. The Stakeholder Group shall continue to meet at the call of the Director during the eighteen months immediately following the date of the initial meeting.

(D) The Director of Children's Initiatives shall determine the scope, implementation, and details of the Stakeholder Group's work and shall coordinate the efforts of the members. Under the leadership of the Director, the Stakeholder Group shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish governance and steering teams related to the learning network described in division (A) of this section;

(2) Develop common aims and goals of the Stakeholder Group;

(3) Establish a list of agencies and partners to participate in a prevention pilot program of the learning network;

(4) Develop prevention prototypes to be tested by prevention pilot program participants, including prototypes that are culturally and linguistically appropriate;

(5) Establish a peer leader group to lead in the identification of key resources and key partners for early testing;

(6) Conduct a baseline assessment of existing protocols and best practices related to achieving the purpose identified in division (A) of this section;

(7) Review current data systems and behavioral health
prevention funding mechanisms;

(8) Collect aggregate data, with a focus on outcome based data;

(9) Collect disaggregated data, with a focus on race, ethnicity, parental income and education, and type of health insurance.

(E) The Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives shall collaborate with the Departments of Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Medicaid, and Education regarding any funds necessary to complete the Stakeholder Group's work. Any allocations of funds shall be determined by those departments.

(F) At the conclusion of the eighteen months described in division (C) of this section, the Director of the Governor's Children's Initiatives shall complete a report that includes the Stakeholder Group's recommendations. The report shall be submitted to the Governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the General Assembly.