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**A BILL**

To amend section 101.30 and to enact section 1  
103.147 of the Revised Code to require the 2  
Director of the Legislative Service Commission 3  
to prepare a human impact statement concerning a 4  
bill or resolution that proposes to amend the 5  
law governing criminal justice. 6

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

**Section 1.** That section 101.30 be amended and section 7  
103.147 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 101.30.** (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Legislative document" includes, but is not limited 10  
to, all of the following: 11

(a) A working paper, work product, correspondence, 12  
preliminary draft, note, proposed bill or resolution, proposed 13  
amendment to a bill or resolution, analysis, opinion, 14  
memorandum, or other document in whatever form or format 15  
prepared by legislative staff for a member of the general 16  
assembly or for general assembly staff; 17

(b) Any document or material in whatever form or format 18  
provided by a member of the general assembly or general assembly 19  
staff to legislative staff that requests, or that provides 20  
information or materials to assist in, the preparation of any of 21  
the items described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section; 22

(c) Any summary of a bill or resolution or of an amendment 23  
to a bill or resolution in whatever form or format that is 24  
prepared by or in the possession of a member of the general 25  
assembly or general assembly staff, if the summary is prepared 26  
before the bill, resolution, or amendment is filed for 27  
introduction or presented at a committee hearing or floor 28  
session, as applicable. 29

(2) "Legislative staff" means the staff of the legislative 30  
service commission, ~~legislative budget office of the legislative~~ 31  
~~service commission,~~ or any other legislative agency included in 32  
the legislative service commission budget group. 33

(3) "General assembly staff" means an officer or employee 34  
of either house of the general assembly who acts on behalf of a 35  
member of the general assembly or on behalf of a committee or 36  
either house of the general assembly. 37

(B) Legislative staff shall maintain a confidential 38  
relationship with each member of the general assembly, and with 39  
each member of the general assembly staff, with respect to 40  
communications between the member of the general assembly or 41  
general assembly staff and legislative staff. Except as 42  
otherwise provided in this division and division (C) of this 43  
section, a legislative document arising out of this confidential 44  
relationship is not a public record for purposes of section 45  
149.43 of the Revised Code. When it is in the public interest 46  
and with the consent of the commission, the director of the 47

commission may release to the public any legislative document in 48  
the possession of the commission staff arising out of a 49  
confidential relationship with a former member of the general 50  
assembly or former member of the general assembly staff who is 51  
not available to make the legislative document a public record 52  
as provided in division (C) of this section because of death or 53  
disability, whom the director is unable to contact for that 54  
purpose, or who fails to respond to the director after the 55  
director has made a reasonable number of attempts to make such 56  
contact. 57

(C) (1) A legislative document is a public record for 58  
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if it is an 59  
analysis, synopsis, fiscal note, ~~or~~ local impact statement, or 60  
human impact statement prepared by legislative staff that is 61  
required to be prepared by law, or by a rule of either house of 62  
the general assembly, for the benefit of the members of either 63  
or both of those houses or any legislative committee and if it 64  
has been presented to those members. 65

(2) A legislative document is a public record for purposes 66  
of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if a member of the general 67  
assembly for whom legislative staff prepared the legislative 68  
document does any of the following: 69

(a) Files it for introduction with the clerk of the senate 70  
or the clerk of the house of representatives, if it is a bill or 71  
resolution; 72

(b) Presents it at a committee hearing or floor session, 73  
if it is an amendment to a bill or resolution or is a substitute 74  
bill or resolution; 75

(c) Releases it, or authorizes general assembly staff or 76

legislative staff to release it, to the public. 77

Sec. 103.147. (A) If a bill or joint resolution introduced 78  
or offered in the general assembly proposes to create or amend a 79  
criminal prohibition or criminal penalty or to amend the law 80  
governing imprisonment, correctional supervision, or the 81  
rehabilitation of offenders, the director of the legislative 82  
service commission shall prepare a human impact statement 83  
concerning the bill or joint resolution before the bill or joint 84  
resolution is recommended for passage or adoption by the house 85  
committee or the senate committee of the general assembly to 86  
which the bill or joint resolution was referred and again before 87  
the bill or joint resolution is taken up for final consideration 88  
by either house of the general assembly. The statement shall 89  
analyze whether the bill or joint resolution would have a 90  
disparate impact on any racial or ethnic group in the area of 91  
police contact with the public, criminal investigation, 92  
detention, pretrial release, post-trial release, prosecution, 93  
plea bargaining, adjudication, conviction, sentencing, 94  
imprisonment, correctional supervision, or rehabilitation. 95  
Specifically, the statement shall do one of the following: 96

(1) Indicate that the bill or joint resolution would have 97  
a disparate impact on a racial or ethnic group and explain that 98  
impact; 99

(2) Indicate that the bill or joint resolution would not 100  
have a disparate impact on a racial or ethnic group; 101

(3) Indicate that it cannot be determined whether the bill 102  
or joint resolution would have a disparate impact on any racial 103  
or ethnic group; or 104

(4) Indicate that the director of the legislative service 105

commission cannot determine within the time allotted whether the 106  
bill or joint resolution would have a disparate impact on any 107  
racial or ethnic group. 108

(B) The director of the legislative service commission may 109  
request any department, division, institution, board, 110  
commission, authority, bureau, or other instrumentality or 111  
officer of the state, a county, a municipal corporation, a 112  
township, a school district, or other governmental entity of the 113  
state to provide any information the director requires to 114  
complete the statement. An agency, instrumentality, or officer 115  
receiving such a request shall comply with the request as 116  
directed in the request. 117

(C) The director shall provide the human impact statement 118  
solely for the purpose of informing the members of the general 119  
assembly, and the statement does not represent the intent of the 120  
general assembly or either house of the general assembly for any 121  
purpose. 122

(D) The failure of the director of the legislative service 123  
commission to prepare a human impact statement before a bill or 124  
joint resolution is taken up for consideration by a house or 125  
senate committee or by either or both houses of the general 126  
assembly for final consideration does not impair the validity of 127  
any bill or joint resolution passed or adopted by either or both 128  
houses of the general assembly. 129

**Section 2.** That existing section 101.30 of the Revised 130  
Code is hereby repealed. 131