

# AN ACT

To enact sections 5.238, 5.239, and 5.2310 of the Revised Code to designate the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month," to create the Malnutrition Prevention Commission to study malnutrition among older adults, to designate May 15 as "All for the Kids Awareness Day," and to designate May 1 as "Fanconi Anemia Awareness Day."

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That sections 5.238, 5.239, and 5.2310 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.238. The fifteenth day of May is designated as "All for the Kids Awareness Day."

Sec. 5.239. The month of November is designated as "One Health Awareness Month" to increase public awareness and understanding of the connections between human, animal, and ecosystem health.

Sec. 5.2310. The first day of May is designated as "Fanconi Anemia Awareness Day" in honor of those affected by this rare and debilitating genetic disease.

SECTION 2. (A) As used in this section and in Section 3 of this act, "older adult" means a person sixty years of age or older.

(B) There is hereby created the Malnutrition Prevention Commission, consisting of the following members:

- (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
- (2) The Director of Aging or the Director's designee;
- (3) The Director of Job and Family Services or the Director's designee;
- (4) The Director of Agriculture or the Director's designee;
- (5) The Executive Director of the Commission on Minority Health or the Executive Director's designee;
- (6) The chairpersons of the standing committees of the House of Representatives and Senate with primary responsibility for health legislation;
- (7) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:
  - (a) A physician authorized by Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;
  - (b) A university researcher with expertise in the field of gerontology, nutrition, or both;
  - (c) A dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code who is actively involved with a program funded under the "Older Americans Act of 1965," 42 U.S.C. 3001;
  - (d) An individual who represents hospitals or integrated health systems;
  - (e) Two registered nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who actively

provide home health care;

(f) A dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code who actively practices in a nursing home, as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(g) A dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code who represents the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;

(h) An individual who represents the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

(C) The Commission members described in division (B)(7) of this section shall be appointed not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. An appointed member shall hold office until the Commission ceases to exist. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The Director of Health or the Director's designee shall serve as chairperson of the Commission.

A member shall serve without compensation except to the extent that serving on the Commission is considered part of the member's regular duties of employment.

SECTION 3. (A) The Malnutrition Prevention Commission created under Section 2 of this act shall do all of the following:

(1) Study the impact of malnutrition on older adults in all health care settings in this state;

(2) Investigate effective strategies for reducing the incidence of malnutrition among older adults;

(3) Monitor the influence of malnutrition on older adults' health care costs and outcomes, quality indicators, and quality of life measures;

(4) Develop strategies for improving data collection and analysis regarding malnutrition risks, health care costs, and protective factors for older adults;

(5) Develop strategies for maximizing the dissemination of proven, effective malnutrition prevention intervention models, including community nutrition programs, medical nutrition therapy, and oral nutrition supplements;

(6) Identify evidence-based strategies that raise public awareness of malnutrition among older adults, such as educational materials, social marketing, and statewide campaigns;

(7) Identify evidence-based malnutrition prevention intervention models, including community nutrition programs, that reduce the rate of malnutrition among older adults and reduce the rate of rehospitalizations due to conditions caused by malnutrition, and identify barriers to those intervention models;

(8) Identify models for integrating the value of malnutrition care into health care quality evaluations across health care payment models;

(9) Examine the components and key elements of malnutrition prevention intervention initiatives, consider their applicability in this state, and develop strategies for testing, implementation, and evaluation of the initiatives.

(B) The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. Not later than twelve months after the effective date of this section, the Commission shall submit a copy of the report to the Governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the General Assembly. The Commission shall cease to exist upon the submission of the report.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

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*President* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the Senate.*

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

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*Secretary of State.*

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