

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 259 of the title, after "3503.153," insert  
2 "3701.0212,"

3 In line 951, after "3503.153," insert "3701.0212,"

4 After line 62931, insert:

5 "Sec. 3701.0212. (A) There is created the center for  
6 community health worker excellence, a public-private partnership  
7 to support and foster the practice of community health workers  
8 and improve access to community health worker services across  
9 this state.

10 (B) The center shall be a public-private partnership  
11 governed by a board of directors comprised of the following  
12 members:

13 (1) The director of the department of health or the  
14 director's designee;

15 (2) The executive director of the commission on minority  
16 health or the director's designee;

17 (3) The medicaid director or the director's designee;

18 (4) The executive director of the board of nursing or the  
19 director's designee;

20       (5) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
21 superintendent's designee;

22       (6) A representative of an OhioMeansJobs center operator,  
23 as defined in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code, appointed by  
24 the director of job and family services;

25       (7) An individual who provides services within one or more  
26 community HUBs that fully or substantially comply with the  
27 pathways community HUB certification standards developed by the  
28 pathways community HUB institute, appointed by the director of  
29 health;

30       (8) A representative of the Ohio association of community  
31 health workers, appointed by that entity;

32       (9) A representative of the Ohio health information  
33 partnership, appointed by that entity;

34       (10) A representative of the center for community  
35 solutions, appointed by that entity;

36       (11) A representative of the Ohio association of community  
37 colleges, appointed by that entity;

38       (12) A representative of the Ohio association of community  
39 health centers, appointed by that entity;

40       (13) A representative of the Ohio alliance for population  
41 health, appointed by that entity;

42       (14) A member of the house of representatives, appointed by  
43 the speaker of the house of representatives;

44 (15) A member of the senate, appointed by the president of  
45 the senate.

46 (C) Initial appointments to the committee shall be made not  
47 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.  
48 Terms shall be two years, and members may be reappointed. If an  
49 appointed member no longer satisfies the grounds upon which the  
50 member was appointed, the member is ineligible to continue to  
51 serve, and a new member shall be appointed in accordance with  
52 division (B) of this section.

53 Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for  
54 original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy  
55 occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the  
56 member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member  
57 for the remainder of that term.

58 Members of the board shall serve without compensation,  
59 except to the extent that serving on the board is considered  
60 part of the member's regular duties of employment. Members shall  
61 be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
62 performance of official duties.

63 (D) The board of directors shall annually select from its  
64 members a chairperson or co-chairpersons.

65 (E) The board of directors shall meet at the call of the  
66 chairperson but not less than quarterly. A majority of the  
67 members of the board constitutes a quorum. The chairperson shall

68 provide members with at least five days written notice of all  
69 meetings.

70 (F) Under the direction and oversight of the board of  
71 directors, and as implemented by health impact Ohio and the Ohio  
72 alliance for population health at Ohio university, the center  
73 shall engage in all of the following activities:

74 (1) Establishing an electronic platform that may be  
75 accessed statewide to connect community health workers with  
76 individuals or communities in need of their services;

77 (2) Evaluating and reporting on the state of the community  
78 health workforce in Ohio, including the total number of  
79 community health workers employed, the settings in which they  
80 practice, the number certified by the board of nursing, the  
81 average income or hourly wage earned by a community health  
82 worker, the reimbursement rates and needs of community health  
83 workers, and any available funding sources;

84 (3) Creating and maintaining a web site or other electronic  
85 tools to coordinate resources for individuals practicing or  
86 seeking to practice as community health workers, including  
87 resources related to recruitment, education, training,  
88 certification, employment, and mentorships;

89 (4) Making continuing education hours or credits available  
90 for free to community health workers certified by the board of  
91 nursing;

92       (5) Providing financial assistance to employers that host  
93 or offer practicums or other training to community health  
94 workers seeking certification by board of nursing.

95       In performing the activities, the center, together with  
96 health impact Ohio and the Ohio alliance for population health  
97 at Ohio university, may as necessary collaborate with other  
98 organizations and institutions, in particular, clinisync, unite  
99 us, Ohio association of community health workers, board of  
100 nursing, and university of Toledo.

101       (G) The board shall issue a report to the governor and  
102 general assembly describing its activities and any  
103 recommendations pertaining to community health workers by the  
104 first of January of each odd numbered calendar year."

105       In line 271049, delete "\$2,525,000   \$2,525,000" and insert  
106 "\$5,025,000   \$5,025,000"

107       In line 271056, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

108       In line 271113, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

109       After line 271190, insert:

110       "Of the foregoing appropriation item 440485, Health Program  
111 Support, \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the  
112 Center for Community Health Worker Excellence in accordance with  
113 section 3701.0212 of the Revised Code."

114       The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

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SYNOPSIS

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**Center for Community Health Worker Excellence**

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**R.C. 3701.0212**

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Restores a House-added provision removed by the Senate that  
119 does the following:

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- Creates the Center for Community Health Worker Excellence  
121 and establishes the Center's duties.

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- Provides for a Board of Directors, comprised of members  
123 from the General Assembly, various state departments and  
124 agencies, and community organizations, to oversee the Center and  
125 requires the Board to issue an annual report that describes the  
126 Center's activities and includes any recommendations pertaining  
127 to the practice of community health workers.

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- Authorizes Health Impact Ohio and Ohio University's Ohio  
129 alliance for population health to assist the Center in  
130 implementing its duties.

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**Department of Health**

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**Sections 291.10 and 291.20**

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Increases GRF ALI 440485, Health Program Support, by  
134 \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year. Requires the increase in funds  
135 to be used for the Center for Community Health Worker  
136 Excellence.