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To establish the Long-term Care Workforce Study Commission. 1  
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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) The legislative Long-term Care Workforce Study Commission is established. The Commission shall do all of the following: 3  
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(1) Study the direct care and long-term care workforce in this state, review the findings and considerations contained in the 2022 final report of the Direct Care Workforce Expansion Working Group, and make policy recommendations in each of the following areas: 6  
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(a) Measuring current demand for direct care workers and projecting future needs of that workforce, including evaluating available workforce data and identifying gaps in data collection related to workforce supply, vacancy rates, turnover rates, and projected workforce demand; 11  
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(b) Developing a campaign and statewide recruitment strategies to encourage individuals to join the facility-based and home and community-based long-term care workforce; 16  
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(c) Supporting career ladders throughout various long-term care settings;	19 20
(d) Identifying educational needs and methods to fill those needs for direct care workers, including establishing a program to provide contributions to the postsecondary education of long-term care direct care workers in related fields;	21 22 23 24
(e) Identifying barriers to hiring direct care workers and methods to overcome those barriers;	25 26
(f) Developing strategies to improve the quality of long-term care jobs;	27 28
(g) Increasing opportunities for shared staffing among long-term care providers;	29 30
(h) Making recommendations regarding potential funding mechanisms and the feasibility of pilot programs regarding the direct care workforce, such as: pooling hours worked by part-time home care workers for purposes of providing greater employment opportunity and access to employee benefits; expanding access to postsecondary education in relevant fields for direct care workers; and evaluating potential pilot initiatives related to workforce recruitment, training pipeline partnerships with career centers and postsecondary institutions, workforce navigator programs, shared staffing models among providers, and the use of assistive technology to support caregivers and individuals receiving services. Recommendations regarding funding mechanisms or pilot initiatives shall be advisory in nature and shall not require the appropriation of state funds.	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
(2) Hear testimony from interested parties and members of the public in producing the report;	46 47

(3) Not later than October 31, 2027, issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

Upon completion of the final report, the Commission shall present its findings and recommendations to relevant committees of the General Assembly. It also shall transmit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

The Commission may submit interim findings and recommendations to the General Assembly prior to issuing its final report.

(B) (1) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

(a) Six members of the General Assembly, as follows:

(i) Three members of the Senate, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) Three members of the House of Representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(b) The following members who possess expertise in long-term care workforce issues, as follows:

(i) A representative of a statewide association representing direct care workers, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) A representative of a statewide association representing providers of home and community-based long-term care services, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(iii) A representative of a statewide association	76
representing facility based long-term care providers, appointed	77
by the President of the Senate;	78
(iv) A representative of a statewide association	79
representing nonprofit housing and senior service programming,	80
appointed by the President of the Senate;	81
(v) A representative of a statewide organization providing	82
services to individuals with intellectual or developmental	83
disability, appointed by the Speaker of the House of	84
Representatives;	85
(vi) A representative of a statewide organization	86
representing service coordination agencies serving individuals	87
receiving home and community-based services, appointed by the	88
Speaker of the House of Representatives;	89
(vii) A representative of a statewide association	90
representing long-term care services and support providers for	91
seniors, including facility-based and home and community-based	92
providers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of	93
Representatives;	94
(viii) A representative of a statewide organization	95
representing consumers participating in home and community-based	96
services, appointed by the Speaker of the House of	97
Representatives;	98
(ix) A consumer participating in a home and community-	99
based services waiver administered by the Department of	100
Medicaid, appointed by the President of the Senate.	101
(2) The following shall serve as nonvoting members of the	102
Commission:	103

(a) The Director of Aging, or the Director's designee;	104
(b) The Director of Developmental Disabilities, or the Director's designee;	105 106
(c) The Director of Veterans Services, or the Director's designee.	107 108
(C) (1) Members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve without compensation.	109 110 111 112 113
(2) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one majority member to serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission. The Commission shall meet no fewer than six times prior to submitting the report required by division (A) (3) of this section and may meet more frequently as determined necessary by the co-chairpersons.	114 115 116 117 118 119
(3) The Commission shall hold its first meeting not later than thirty days after a majority of members have been appointed.	120 121 122
(D) Staff of the General Assembly shall provide technical and administrative support as needed by the Commission.	123 124
(E) When it submits its recommendations described in division (A) (3) of this section, the Commission shall cease to exist.	125 126 127