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A BILL

To create the Malnutrition Prevention Commission to 1
study malnutrition among older adults. 2

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this act, "older adult" means a 3
person sixty years of age or older. 4

(B) There is hereby created the Malnutrition Prevention 5
Commission, consisting of the following members: 6

(1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee; 7

(2) The Director of Aging or the Director's designee; 8

(3) The Director of Job and Family Services or the 9
Director's designee; 10

(4) The Director of Agriculture or the Director's 11
designee; 12

(5) The chairpersons of the standing committees of the 13
House of Representatives and Senate with primary responsibility 14
for health legislation; 15

(6) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:	16
(a) A physician authorized by Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;	17 18 19
(b) A university researcher with expertise in the field of gerontology, nutrition, or both;	20 21
(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;	22 23 24
(d) An individual who represents hospitals or integrated health systems;	25 26
(e) Two registered nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who actively provide home health care;	27 28
(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;	29 30 31
(g) A dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code who represents the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;	32 33 34
(h) An individual who represents the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging.	35 36
(C) The Commission members described in division (B)(6) 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.	37 38 39 40 41
The Director of Health or the Director's designee shall	42

serve as chairperson of the Commission. 43

A member shall serve without compensation except to the 44
extent that serving on the Commission is considered part of the 45
member's regular duties of employment. 46

Section 2. (A) The Malnutrition Prevention Commission 47
created under Section 1 of this act shall do all of the 48
following: 49

(1) Study the impact of malnutrition on older adults in 50
all health care settings in this state; 51

(2) Investigate effective strategies for reducing the 52
incidence of malnutrition among older adults; 53

(3) Monitor the influence of malnutrition on older adults' 54
health care costs and outcomes, quality indicators, and quality 55
of life measures; 56

(4) Develop strategies for improving data collection and 57
analysis regarding malnutrition risks, health care costs, and 58
protective factors for older adults; 59

(5) Develop strategies for maximizing the dissemination of 60
proven, effective malnutrition prevention intervention models, 61
including community nutrition programs, medical nutrition 62
therapy, and oral nutrition supplements; 63

(6) Identify evidence-based strategies that raise public 64
awareness of malnutrition among older adults, such as 65
educational materials, social marketing, and statewide 66
campaigns; 67

(7) Identify evidence-based malnutrition prevention 68
intervention models, including community nutrition programs, 69
that reduce the rate of malnutrition among older adults and 70

reduce the rate of rehospitalizations due to conditions caused 71
by malnutrition, and identify barriers to those intervention 72
models; 73

(8) Identify models for integrating the value of 74
malnutrition care into health care quality evaluations across 75
health care payment models; 76

(9) Examine the components and key elements of 77
malnutrition prevention intervention initiatives, consider their 78
applicability in this state, and develop strategies for testing, 79
implementation, and evaluation of the initiatives. 80

(B) The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings 81
and recommendations. Not later than twelve months after the 82
effective date of this section, the Commission shall submit a 83
copy of the report to the Governor and, in accordance with 84
section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the General Assembly. The 85
Commission shall cease to exist upon the submission of the 86
report. 87