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Representatives Pavliga, Edwards

Cosponsors: Representatives Click, Grendell, Holmes, Plummer, White

A BILL

To enact sections 103.55, 103.551, and 103.552 of
the Revised Code to establish the Adverse
Childhood Experiences Study Commission. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 103.55, 103.551, and 103.552 of
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 4
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Sec. 103.55. (A) As used in this section and sections
103.551 and 103.552 of the Revised Code, "adverse childhood
experiences" are potentially traumatic events that occur in
childhood, including various forms of physical and emotional
abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction. 6
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(B) There is hereby created the adverse childhood
experiences study commission. The commission shall: 11
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(1) Gather data on adverse childhood experiences; 13

(2) Study the effects of adverse childhood experiences; 14

(3) Recommend legislative strategies to the general
assembly for addressing the prevalence and effects of adverse
childhood experiences. 15
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<u>(C) The commission shall consist of the following fourteen</u>	18
<u>members:</u>	19
<u>(1) The following members appointed by the governor:</u>	20
<u>(a) One social worker who has worked with children</u>	21
<u>experiencing violence, abuse, and neglect;</u>	22
<u>(b) One current or former law enforcement officer with</u>	23
<u>expertise in community violence;</u>	24
<u>(c) One representative from an organization that serves</u>	25
<u>adult suicide survivors;</u>	26
<u>(d) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	27
<u>social science field who is an expert on child suicide and</u>	28
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	29
<u>(e) One current or former judge of a municipal or common</u>	30
<u>pleas court;</u>	31
<u>(f) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	32
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology;</u>	33
<u>(g) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	34
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology who has experience treating</u>	35
<u>chemical dependency and substance abuse;</u>	36
<u>(h) One individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the</u>	37
<u>Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic</u>	38
<u>medicine and surgery;</u>	39
<u>(i) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	40
<u>social science field who is an expert on family dynamics and</u>	41
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	42
<u>(j) One representative of the department of job and family</u>	43
<u>services.</u>	44

(2) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party 45
and one from the minority party, both appointed by the president 46
of the senate; 47

(3) Two members of the house of representatives, one from 48
the majority party and one from the minority party, both 49
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. 50

(D) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of 51
this section, initial appointments shall be made to the 52
commission. Thereafter, appointments shall be made within thirty 53
days of a vacancy in the commission. Following the commencement 54
of a new general assembly, the president of the senate and the 55
speaker of the house of representatives shall make new 56
appointments to the commission. 57

(E) In odd-numbered years, the commission shall designate 58
by majority vote one commission member from the senate as the 59
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the house 60
of representatives as the vice-chairperson. In even-numbered 61
years, the commission shall designate by majority vote one 62
commission member from the house of representatives as the 63
commission chairperson, and one commission member from the 64
senate as the vice-chairperson. 65

(F) Members shall serve without compensation except to the 66
extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the 67
member's regular duties of employment. The commission shall 68
reimburse each member for actual and necessary expenses incurred 69
in the performance of the member's official duties. 70

(G) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the 71
conduct of meetings. The commission shall comply with public 72
records and open meetings requirements as described in sections 73

121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code. 74

(H) The commission shall abide by rules governing the 75
senate and the house of representatives that pertain to decorum. 76

(I) The general assembly shall provide meeting space, 77
staff services, and other technical assistance required by the 78
commission in carrying out its duties. 79

Sec. 103.551. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 80
commission shall hold its first meeting not more than sixty days 81
after initial appointments are made. Thereafter, the commission 82
shall meet once quarterly. 83

(B) The first meeting of each calendar year shall be an 84
organizational meeting to elect a chairperson and vice- 85
chairperson, and set a calendar for the remainder of the year. 86

(C) During one meeting each year, each member appointed by 87
the governor shall present to the commission information 88
relevant to the member's area of expertise, including 89
suggestions for legislative approaches to address the prevalence 90
and effects of adverse childhood experiences. 91

Sec. 103.552. (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 92
commission shall prepare an annual report summarizing the 93
following: 94

(1) Information and data collected by the commission 95
regarding the prevalence and effects of adverse childhood 96
experiences; 97

(2) Possible legislative strategies for addressing the 98
prevalence and effects of adverse childhood experiences. 99

(B) The commission shall submit a copy of each report to 100
the general assembly. The report shall be submitted in 101

accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. 102

(C) The initial report shall be submitted not later than 103
one year after the effective date of this section, and annually 104
thereafter. 105

(D) On submission of its fourth report, the commission 106
shall cease to exist. 107