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**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

<u>(3) Recommend legislative strategies to the general</u>	15
<u>assembly for addressing the prevalence and effects of adverse</u>	16
<u>childhood experiences.</u>	17
<u>(C) The commission shall consist of the following members:</u>	18
<u>(1) The following members appointed by the governor:</u>	19
<u>(a) One social worker or school counselor who has worked</u>	20
<u>with children experiencing violence, abuse, and neglect;</u>	21
<u>(b) One current or former law enforcement officer with</u>	22
<u>expertise in community violence;</u>	23
<u>(c) One representative from an organization that serves</u>	24
<u>adult suicide survivors;</u>	25
<u>(d) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	26
<u>social science field who is an expert on child suicide and</u>	27
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	28
<u>(e) One current or former judge of a municipal or common</u>	29
<u>pleas court;</u>	30
<u>(f) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	31
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology;</u>	32
<u>(g) One individual authorized under Chapter 4732. of the</u>	33
<u>Revised Code to practice psychology who has experience treating</u>	34
<u>chemical dependency and substance abuse;</u>	35
<u>(h) One individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the</u>	36
<u>Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic</u>	37
<u>medicine and surgery;</u>	38
<u>(i) One individual who has earned a doctoral degree in a</u>	39
<u>social science field who is an expert on family dynamics and</u>	40
<u>employed as a professor or researcher;</u>	41

(j) One representative of the department of job and family services; 42  
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(k) One person who holds certification as a crisis intervention specialist from a national credentialing organization; 44  
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(l) One representative from the children's trust fund. 47

(2) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, both appointed by the president of the senate; 48  
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(3) Two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, both appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. 51  
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(D) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section, initial appointments shall be made to the commission. Thereafter, appointments shall be made within thirty days of a vacancy in the commission. Following the commencement of a new general assembly, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall make new appointments to the commission. 54  
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(E) In odd-numbered years, the commission shall designate by majority vote one commission member from the senate as the commission chairperson, and one commission member from the house of representatives as the vice-chairperson. In even-numbered years, the commission shall designate by majority vote one commission member from the house of representatives as the commission chairperson, and one commission member from the senate as the vice-chairperson. 61  
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(F) Members shall serve without compensation except to the extent that serving on the commission is considered part of the 69  
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member's regular duties of employment. The commission shall 71  
reimburse each member for actual and necessary expenses incurred 72  
in the performance of the member's official duties. 73

(G) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the 74  
conduct of meetings. The commission shall comply with public 75  
records and open meetings requirements as described in sections 76  
121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code. 77

(H) The commission shall abide by rules governing the 78  
senate and the house of representatives that pertain to decorum. 79

(I) The general assembly shall provide meeting space, 80  
staff services, and other technical assistance required by the 81  
commission in carrying out its duties. 82

**Sec. 103.551.** (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 83  
commission shall hold its first meeting not more than sixty days 84  
after initial appointments are made. Thereafter, the commission 85  
shall meet once quarterly. 86

(B) The first meeting of each calendar year shall be an 87  
organizational meeting to elect a chairperson and vice- 88  
chairperson, and set a calendar for the remainder of the year. 89

(C) During one meeting each year, each member appointed by 90  
the governor shall present to the commission information 91  
relevant to the member's area of expertise, including 92  
suggestions for legislative approaches to address the prevalence 93  
and effects of adverse childhood experiences. 94

**Sec. 103.552.** (A) The adverse childhood experiences study 95  
commission shall prepare an annual report summarizing the 96  
following: 97

(1) Information and data collected by the commission 98

<u>regarding the prevalence and effects of adverse childhood</u>	99
<u>experiences;</u>	100
<u>(2) Possible legislative strategies for addressing the</u>	101
<u>prevalence and effects of adverse childhood experiences.</u>	102
<u>(B) The commission shall submit a copy of each report to</u>	103
<u>the general assembly. The report shall be submitted in</u>	104
<u>accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.</u>	105
<u>(C) The initial report shall be submitted not later than</u>	106
<u>one year after the effective date of this section, and annually</u>	107
<u>thereafter.</u>	108
<u>(D) On submission of its fourth report, the commission</u>	109
<u>shall cease to exist.</u>	110