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**A BILL**

To amend section 101.30 and to enact section 1  
103.147 of the Revised Code to require the 2  
Director of the Legislative Service Commission 3  
to prepare a human impact statement concerning a 4  
bill or resolution that proposes to amend 5  
criminal justice law. 6

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

**Section 1.** That section 101.30 be amended and section 7  
103.147 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 101.30.** (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Legislative document" includes, but is not limited 10  
to, all of the following: 11

(a) A working paper, work product, correspondence, 12  
preliminary draft, note, proposed bill or resolution, proposed 13  
amendment to a bill or resolution, analysis, opinion, 14  
memorandum, or other document in whatever form or format 15  
prepared by legislative staff for a member of the general 16  
assembly or for general assembly staff; 17

(b) Any document or material in whatever form or format 18  
provided by a member of the general assembly or general assembly 19  
staff to legislative staff that requests, or that provides 20  
information or materials to assist in, the preparation of any of 21  
the items described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section; 22

(c) Any summary of a bill or resolution or of an amendment 23  
to a bill or resolution in whatever form or format that is 24  
prepared by or in the possession of a member of the general 25  
assembly or general assembly staff, if the summary is prepared 26  
before the bill, resolution, or amendment is filed for 27  
introduction or presented at a committee hearing or floor 28  
session, as applicable. 29

(2) "Legislative staff" means the staff of the legislative 30  
service commission, ~~legislative budget office of the legislative~~ 31  
~~service commission~~, or any other legislative agency included in 32  
the legislative service commission budget group. 33

(3) "General assembly staff" means an officer or employee 34  
of either house of the general assembly who acts on behalf of a 35  
member of the general assembly or on behalf of a committee or 36  
either house of the general assembly. 37

(B) Legislative staff shall maintain a confidential 38  
relationship with each member of the general assembly, and with 39  
each member of the general assembly staff, with respect to 40  
communications between the member of the general assembly or 41  
general assembly staff and legislative staff. Except as 42  
otherwise provided in this division and division (C) of this 43  
section, a legislative document arising out of this confidential 44  
relationship is not a public record for purposes of section 45  
149.43 of the Revised Code. When it is in the public interest 46  
and with the consent of the commission, the director of the 47

commission may release to the public any legislative document in 48  
the possession of the commission staff arising out of a 49  
confidential relationship with a former member of the general 50  
assembly or former member of the general assembly staff who is 51  
not available to make the legislative document a public record 52  
as provided in division (C) of this section because of death or 53  
disability, whom the director is unable to contact for that 54  
purpose, or who fails to respond to the director after the 55  
director has made a reasonable number of attempts to make such 56  
contact. 57

(C) (1) A legislative document is a public record for 58  
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if it is an 59  
analysis, synopsis, fiscal note, ~~or~~ local impact statement, or 60  
human impact statement prepared by legislative staff that is 61  
required to be prepared by law, or by a rule of either house of 62  
the general assembly, for the benefit of the members of either 63  
or both of those houses or any legislative committee and if it 64  
has been presented to those members. 65

(2) A legislative document is a public record for purposes 66  
of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if a member of the general 67  
assembly for whom legislative staff prepared the legislative 68  
document does any of the following: 69

(a) Files it for introduction with the clerk of the senate 70  
or the clerk of the house of representatives, if it is a bill or 71  
resolution; 72

(b) Presents it at a committee hearing or floor session, 73  
if it is an amendment to a bill or resolution or is a substitute 74  
bill or resolution; 75

(c) Releases it, or authorizes general assembly staff or 76

legislative staff to release it, to the public. 77

Sec. 103.147. (A) As used in this section, "disparate 78  
impact on a racial or ethnic group, on an age group, or on a 79  
gender" includes increased exposure of the racial or ethnic 80  
group, of the age group, or of the gender, to police contact, 81  
criminal investigation, detention, pretrial release, post-trial 82  
release, prosecution, plea bargaining, adjudication, conviction, 83  
sentencing, imprisonment, correctional supervision, or 84  
rehabilitation. 85

(B) If a bill or joint resolution introduced or offered in 86  
the general assembly proposes to create or amend a criminal 87  
prohibition or criminal penalty, or to amend the law governing 88  
imprisonment, correctional supervision, or the rehabilitation of 89  
offenders, the director of the legislative service commission 90  
shall prepare a human impact statement concerning the bill or 91  
joint resolution before the bill or joint resolution is 92  
recommended for passage or adoption by the house committee or 93  
the senate committee of the general assembly to which the bill 94  
or joint resolution was referred, and again before the bill or 95  
joint resolution is taken up for final consideration by either 96  
house of the general assembly. The statement shall analyze 97  
whether the new or amended criminal prohibition, criminal 98  
penalty, or law, when implemented or enforced, would have a 99  
disparate impact on a racial or ethnic group, on an age group, 100  
or on a gender. Specifically, the statement shall do one of the 101  
following: 102

(1) Indicate that the bill or joint resolution would have 103  
a disparate impact on a racial or ethnic group, on an age group, 104  
or on a gender and explain that impact; 105

(2) Indicate that the bill or joint resolution would not 106

have a disparate impact on a racial or ethnic group, on an age 107  
group, or on a gender; 108

(3) Indicate that it cannot be determined whether the bill 109  
or joint resolution would have a disparate impact on a racial or 110  
ethnic group, on an age group, or on a gender; or 111

(4) Indicate that the director of the legislative service 112  
commission cannot determine within the time allotted whether the 113  
bill or joint resolution would have a disparate impact on a 114  
racial or ethnic group, on an age group, or on a gender. 115

(C) The director of the legislative service commission may 116  
request any department, division, institution, board, 117  
commission, authority, bureau, or other instrumentality or 118  
officer of the state, a county, a municipal corporation, a 119  
township, a school district, or other governmental entity of the 120  
state to provide any information the director requires to 121  
complete the statement. An agency, instrumentality, or officer 122  
receiving such a request shall comply with the request as 123  
directed in the request. 124

(D) The director shall provide the human impact statement 125  
solely for the purpose of informing the members of the general 126  
assembly, and the statement does not represent the intent of the 127  
general assembly or either house of the general assembly for any 128  
purpose. 129

(E) The failure of the director of the legislative service 130  
commission to prepare a human impact statement before a bill or 131  
joint resolution is taken up for consideration by a house or 132  
senate committee or by either or both houses of the general 133  
assembly for final consideration does not impair the validity of 134  
any bill or joint resolution passed or adopted by either or both 135

houses of the general assembly. 136

**Section 2.** That existing section 101.30 of the Revised 137  
Code is hereby repealed. 138