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Crossman, Robinson**

A BILL

To enact section 182.01 of the Revised Code to 1
create the Loving State Index and the Loving 2
State Index Commission regarding student 3
academic success. 4

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

Section 1. That section 182.01 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 182.01. (A) For purposes of this section: 7

"Political subdivision" means any county, township, 8
municipal corporation, public school, city or general health 9
district, alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services 10
board, or other body corporate and politic that is responsible 11
for government activities in a geographic area smaller than the 12
state. 13

"Public school" means a school district created under 14
Chapter 3311., community school created under Chapter 3314., 15
STEM school created under Chapter 3326., or college-preparatory 16
boarding school created under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code. 17

(B) There is hereby created the loving state index 18
commission. The commission shall do all of the following: 19

(1) Establish a system to evaluate and rank municipal 20
corporations in this state regarding critical supports that are 21
vital to student academic success in order to identify gaps in 22
opportunity for low-income individuals and minority individuals. 23
The system shall be known as the loving state index. 24

(2) Establish criteria to evaluate the following factors 25
for purposes of division (B)(1) of this section: 26

(a) Early childhood education participation; 27

(b) Preschool suspension alternatives; 28

(c) Gifted classes offered for kindergarten through grade 29
eight; 30

(d) Suspension and expulsion alternatives for kindergarten 31
through grade twelve; 32

(e) Advanced high school curriculum; 33

(f) Advanced placement curricula; 34

(g) Anti-bullying; 35

(h) School-to-prison alternatives; 36

(i) Well-resourced schools; 37

(j) Experienced teachers; 38

(k) In-school support staff; 39

(l) Economically integrated schools; 40

(m) Access to health insurance; 41

(n) Prenatal health services; 42

<u>(o) Access to mental health services;</u>	43
<u>(p) Access to healthy food;</u>	44
<u>(q) Clean air environments;</u>	45
<u>(r) Access to parks;</u>	46
<u>(s) Youth safety;</u>	47
<u>(t) Access to public transportation;</u>	48
<u>(u) Affordable housing;</u>	49
<u>(v) Livable wages;</u>	50
<u>(w) Civic participation;</u>	51
<u>(x) Banking.</u>	52
<u>(3) Use data from the primary or largest school district</u>	53
<u>in each municipal corporation in which multiple school districts</u>	54
<u>exist.</u>	55
<u>(4) Not later than July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter,</u>	56
<u>publish and submit to the members of the general assembly a</u>	57
<u>report containing the commission's evaluation and ranking of</u>	58
<u>municipal corporations. The report shall be available online via</u>	59
<u>the web sites of the departments of education, health, commerce,</u>	60
<u>natural resources, environmental protection services, and</u>	61
<u>transportation, JobsOhio, and the governor's office of faith-</u>	62
<u>based and community initiatives. The report shall contain</u>	63
<u>information regarding the scoring strategy, data, and analysis</u>	64
<u>the commission used.</u>	65
<u>(C) The commission consists of the following eight</u>	66
<u>members:</u>	67
<u>(1) The superintendent of public instruction or the</u>	68

<u>superintendent's designee;</u>	69
<u>(2) The director of health or the director's designee;</u>	70
<u>(3) The director of commerce or the director's designee;</u>	71
<u>(4) The director of natural resources or the director's designee;</u>	72
<u>(5) The director of environmental protection or the director's designee;</u>	74
<u>(6) The director of transportation or the director's designee;</u>	76
<u>(7) The chief investment officer of JobsOhio or the officer's designee;</u>	78
<u>(8) The executive director of the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives or the director's designee.</u>	80
<u>(D) The commission shall select from its membership a chairperson. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.</u>	83
<u>(E) Political subdivisions shall provide data to the commission upon request unless the data is exempt from disclosure as a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.</u>	88