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A BILL

To amend section 103.13 and to enact sections 1
103.132 and 3701.35 of the Revised Code to 2
require the Legislative Service Commission to 3
create health impact statements for introduced 4
bills, to create the Health and Equity 5
Interagency Team, and to name this act the 6
Health Equity In All Health Related Policy Act. 7

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

Section 1. That section 103.13 be amended and sections 8
103.132 and 3701.35 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9
follows: 10

Sec. 103.13. The Ohio legislative service commission 11
shall: 12

(A) Conduct research, make investigations, and secure 13
information or data on any subject and make reports thereon to 14
the general assembly; 15

(B) Ascertain facts and make reports concerning the state 16
budget, the revenues and expenditures of the state, and of the 17
organization and functions of the state, its departments, 18

subdivisions, and agencies;	19
(C) Make surveys, investigations, and studies, and compile	20
data, information, and records on any question which may be	21
referred to it by either house of the general assembly or any	22
standing committee of the general assembly;	23
(D) Assist and cooperate with any interim legislative	24
committee or other agency created by the general assembly;	25
(E) Prepare or advise in the preparation of any bill or	26
resolution, when requested by any member of the general	27
assembly;	28
(F) Collect, classify, and index the documents of the	29
state which shall include executive and legislative documents	30
and departmental reports and keep on file all bills,	31
resolutions, and official journals printed by order of either	32
house of the general assembly;	33
(G) Provide members of the general assembly with impartial	34
and accurate information and reports concerning legislative	35
problems in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission;	36
(H) Annually collect the reports required by section	37
4743.01 of the Revised Code and prepare a report evaluating the	38
extent to which state boards and commissions which regulate	39
occupations are financially self-supporting. The report shall be	40
presented to the speaker and the minority leader of the house of	41
representatives, the president and the minority leader of the	42
senate, and the chairperson and ranking minority member of the	43
finance committees of both houses, on or before the thirty-first	44
day of December each year.	45
(I) Codify the rules of administrative agencies of the	46
state in accordance with the provisions of section 103.05 of the	47

Revised Code;	48
(J) Publish the register of Ohio under section 103.051 of the Revised Code;	49 50
(K) Operate the electronic rule-filing system under section 103.0511 of the Revised Code;	51 52
<u>(L) Issue health impact statements concerning bills in accordance with the review process described in section 103.132 of the Revised Code.</u>	53 54 55
<u>Sec. 103.132.</u> (A) As used in this section:	56
<u>(1) "Health" means the state of a natural person's physical, mental, and social well-being and is not limited to the absence of disease or infirmity.</u>	57 58 59
<u>(2) "Health disparities" means differences between demographic groups with respect to mortality, the incidence or prevalence of disease or other adverse health conditions, or access to health care services. As used in this division, "demographic groups" includes, but is not limited to, groups based on economic, geographic, racial, ethnic, migration status, disability, sexual orientation, or other demographic factors.</u>	60 61 62 63 64 65 66
<u>(3) "Health equity" means the absence of obstacles to health that may prevent an individual or group from achieving full health potential.</u>	67 68 69
<u>(4) "Social determinants of health" means the range of personal, social, economic, and environmental factors that influence health status. "Social determinants of health" includes, but is not limited to, income, education, family, housing, racism, food security, environment, community, and transportation.</u>	70 71 72 73 74 75

(B) The general assembly finds that health equity may be 76
accomplished by removing obstacles to health, such as poverty, 77
discrimination, and racism, and further finds that the 78
consequences of poverty, discrimination, and racism, including 79
unsafe living environments, general powerlessness, lack of 80
access to good jobs with fair pay, and poor quality education, 81
housing, transportation, and health care contribute to health 82
inequity. 83

(C) The staff of the Ohio legislative service commission 84
shall review each bill introduced in the general assembly on or 85
after the effective date of this section and prepare a health 86
impact statement concerning the bill. The health impact 87
statement shall analyze whether the bill might have a positive, 88
negative, or neutral impact on any of the following: 89

(1) The health of Ohioans; 90

(2) The accomplishment of health equity in this state; 91

(3) The health or health equity of specific populations or 92
persons residing in specific geographic areas in this state; 93

(4) The social determinants of health for the most 94
vulnerable persons in this state, including specific populations 95
or persons residing in specific geographic areas. 96

(D) The staff of the Ohio legislative service commission 97
shall prepare the health impact statement as soon as possible, 98
but not later than the date the bill is scheduled for a second 99
hearing in a committee in the house in which the bill was 100
introduced, or not later than thirty days after being requested 101
by a member of the general assembly. 102

(E) A bill shall not be voted out of committee until after 103
the committee members have received and considered the health 104

<u>impact statement.</u>	105
<u>Sec. 3701.35. (A) As used in this section:</u>	106
<u>(1) "Health," "health equity," and "the social</u>	107
<u>determinants of health" have the same meanings as in section</u>	108
<u>103.132 of the Revised Code.</u>	109
<u>(2) "State agency" means every organized body, office,</u>	110
<u>agency, institution, or other entity established by the laws of</u>	111
<u>this state for the exercise of any function of state government.</u>	112
<u>(B) The health and equity interagency team is created in</u>	113
<u>the department of health for the purpose of ensuring</u>	114
<u>collaboration among all state agencies. The department of health</u>	115
<u>shall administer the team, and each state agency shall appoint a</u>	116
<u>liaison to the team.</u>	117
<u>(C) The team shall do all of the following:</u>	118
<u>(1) Work across the government of this state to coordinate</u>	119
<u>resources and implement strategies to address health and health</u>	120
<u>equity factors impacted by the social determinants of health;</u>	121
<u>(2) Create links between various policy areas;</u>	122
<u>(3) Build new partnerships to promote health and health</u>	123
<u>equity;</u>	124
<u>(4) Develop common metrics of success for health outcomes</u>	125
<u>among disparate populations and for increased government</u>	126
<u>efficiency.</u>	127
<u>(D) Not later than the thirty-first day of December of</u>	128
<u>each year, the team shall submit a state health equity report to</u>	129
<u>the director of health, who shall make it available to the</u>	130
<u>public on the official web site of the department of health.</u>	131

Section 2. That existing section 103.13 of the Revised	132
Code is hereby repealed.	133
Section 3. This act shall be known as the Health Equity In	134
All Health Related Policy Act.	135