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Effective date: March 21, 2017

ACT SUMMARY

- Creates in the Department of Job and Family Services the Ohio Family Stability Commission.
- Specifies the Commission's duties for each year of its four-year operation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Ohio Family Stability Commission

The act creates the Ohio Family Stability Commission in the Department of Job and Family Services. The 25-member Commission (see "**Membership**," below) must fulfill specified duties over the course of four years.¹

First year of operation

During its first year, the Commission must conduct research and formulate recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly, appropriate state

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ R. 5101.345(A) and (C).

agencies, and other appropriate entities concerning at least the following societal issues that impact the stability of families in Ohio: (1) the divorce rate and strategies for reducing the divorce rate, (2) the birth rate among unmarried individuals and strategies for reducing the number of births occurring outside of marriage, (3) the rate of domestic violence, including child abuse, and strategies for reducing the rate of domestic violence, and (4) issues concerning child custody and support. The recommendations must provide strategies, both legal and otherwise, for addressing the issues described above.²

Second year of operation

During its second year, the Commission must advise the General Assembly, appropriate state agencies, and other appropriate entities on ways to implement the recommendations formulated during its first year.³

Third year of operation

During its third year, the Commission must continue to provide advice regarding implementation of the recommendations formulated during its first year and must begin monitoring implementation. The Commission must issue a report to the General Assembly at the end of this year regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations.⁴

Fourth year of operation

During its fourth year, the Commission must conduct activities to ensure continued implementation of the recommendations formulated during its first year and, if applicable, enforcement of the recommendations. The Commission must issue a report to the General Assembly at the end of this year regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations.⁵

Termination of the Commission

The act's provisions are repealed on April 1, 2021.⁶

² R.C. 5101.345(C)(1).

³ R.C. 5101.345(C)(2).

⁴ R.C. 5101.345(C)(3).

⁵ R.C. 5101.345(C)(4).

⁶ Section 2.



Membership

The Commission is to consist of four members of the General Assembly and 21 persons who are government agency representatives, private citizens, or elected officials (other than General Assembly members). Of the four General Assembly members, two are to be appointed by the President of the Senate from different political parties and two are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House from different political parties. The remaining 21 members are to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- Two with expertise in out-of-wedlock births;
- Two with expertise in divorce;
- One with expertise in education;
- One with expertise in employment;
- One with expertise in child support;
- One with expertise in child custody;
- One with expertise in child abuse and neglect;
- One with expertise in domestic violence;
- Two with expertise in the judicial system;
- Two with expertise in criminal justice;
- Two with expertise in faith-based initiatives;
- Two with expertise in fatherhood programs;
- Two with expertise in philanthropic or nonprofit management;
- One with expertise in mass media or communications.

Commission members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities and vacancies are to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Members are to serve without compensation, except to the extent that serving is considered part of their regular duties of employment.⁷

⁷ R.C. 5101.345(A).



Staffing

The Commission is to be staffed by personnel of the Department of Job and Family Services. The act specifies, however, that the Department is not required to employ personnel it otherwise would not have employed.⁸

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-09-15
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	03-04-15
Passed Senate (32-1)	05-13-15
Reported, H. Community & Family Advancement	12-07-16
Passed House (85-7)	12-08-16

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⁸ R.C. 5101.345(B).

