

**As Reported by the House Health Committee**

**127th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2007-2008**

**H. B. No. 435**

**Representatives White, DeBose**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Jones, Mecklenborg, Uecker,  
Schindel, Slesnick, Boyd, Fende, Yuko, Williams, B., Letson, Strahorn,  
Brown, Hottinger**

—

**A B I L L**

To amend section 107.12 of the Revised Code to reform 1  
the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community 2  
Initiatives. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 107.12 of the Revised Code be amended 4  
to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 107.12.** (A) As used in this section, "organization" 6  
means a faith-based or other organization that is exempt from 7  
federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal 8  
Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended, 9  
and provides charitable services to needy residents of this state. 10

(B) There is hereby established within the office of the 11  
governor the governor's office of faith-based and community 12  
initiatives. The office shall: 13  
14

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse of information on federal, 15  
state, and local funding for charitable services performed by 16

organizations; 17

(2) Encourage organizations to seek public funding for their 18  
charitable services; 19

(3) ~~Act as a liaison between state agencies and~~ Assist local, 20  
state, and federal agencies in coordinating their activities to 21  
secure maximum use of funds and efforts that benefit people 22  
receiving charitable services from organizations; 23

(4) Advise the governor, general assembly, and the advisory 24  
board of the governor's office of faith-based and community 25  
initiatives on the barriers that exist to collaboration between 26  
organizations and governmental entities and on ways to remove the 27  
barriers. 28

(C) The governor shall appoint an executive ~~assistant~~ 29  
director and such other staff as may be necessary to manage the 30  
office and perform or oversee the performance of the duties of the 31  
office. Within sixty days after being appointed, and every twelve 32  
months thereafter, the executive director shall distribute to the 33  
advisory board and review with the board a strategic plan. The 34  
executive director shall report to the board at least quarterly on 35  
proposed initiatives and policies. A report shall include the 36  
condition of the budget and the finances of the office. 37  
38

(D)(1) There is hereby created the advisory board of the 39  
governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. The 40  
board shall consist of the following members ~~appointed as follows:~~ 41

(a) The directors of aging, alcohol and drug addiction 42  
services, rehabilitation and correction, health, job and family 43  
services, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, 44  
mental health, and youth services ~~shall each appoint to the board~~ 45  
~~one employee of that director's department., or their designees;~~ 46

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint 47

to the board two members of the house of representatives, not more 48  
than one of whom shall be from the same political party and at 49  
least one of whom shall be from the legislative black caucus. The 50  
president of the senate shall appoint to the board two members of 51  
the senate, not more than one of whom shall be from the same 52  
political party. 53

(c) The governor, the speaker of the house of 54  
representatives, and the president of the senate shall each 55  
appoint to the board three representatives of the nonprofit, 56  
faith-based and other nonprofit community. 57

(2) Terms of the office shall be one year. Any vacancy that 58  
occurs on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the 59  
original appointment. ~~The members of the board shall serve without~~ 60  
~~compensation.~~ 61

(3) ~~At its initial meeting, the board shall elect a~~ 62  
~~chairperson. The chairperson shall be a member of the board who is~~ 63  
~~a member of the house of representatives~~ Members of the board are 64  
not entitled to compensation, but the members appointed by the 65  
governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the 66  
president of the senate who are representatives of the nonprofit, 67  
faith-based and other nonprofit community shall be reimbursed for 68  
their actual and necessary expenses that are incurred in relation 69  
to board meetings. 70

(4) The board shall be presided over by a chairperson and a 71  
vice-chairperson, who shall be the members of the board who are 72  
also members of the house of representatives. Annually on the 73  
first day of January, the chairpersonship and vice-chairpersonship 74  
shall alternate between the members of the house of 75  
representatives according to their party membership. 76

(E) The board shall ~~do both of the following~~ have the 77  
following duties: 78

(1) Provide direction, guidance, and oversight to the office;	79
(2) <u>Assist in the dissemination of information about, and in the stimulation of public awareness of, the service programs supported by the office;</u>	80 81 82
(3) <u>Review the budget and finances of the office, proposed initiatives and policies, and the executive director's annual strategic plan at board meetings;</u>	83 84 85
(4) <u>Provide feedback for and proposed modifications of the executive director's strategic plan. Within forty-five days after submitting a strategic plan, the executive director shall contact each advisory board member to obtain feedback. With the approval of the advisory board chairperson, the executive director shall lead a strategic plan discussion at the first board meeting following the distribution of the strategic plan.</u>	86 87 88 89 90 91 92
(5) <u>Publish a report of its activities and accomplishments</u> on or before the first day of August of each year, and deliver copies of the report to the governor, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate.	93 94 95 96 97
(F) No member of the board or organization that the member is affiliated or involved with is eligible to receive any grant that the office administers or assists in administering.	98 99 100
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 107.12 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.	101 102
<b>Section 3.</b> The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Advisory Board of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives who are holding office on the effective date of this section continue to hold office until January 1, 2009. Beginning January 1, 2009, the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the advisory board assume office in accordance with the	103 104 105 106 107 108

alternation established in division (D)(4) of section 107.12 of  
the Revised Code.

109

110