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To enact section 5101.345 of the Revised Code to 1
create the Ohio Family Stability Commission in the 2
Department of Job and Family Services and to 3
repeal section 5101.345 of the Revised Code four 4
years after the effective date of that section. 5

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

Section 1. That section 5101.345 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 5101.345. (A) There is hereby created in the department 8
of job and family services the Ohio family stability commission. 9
The commission shall consist of an executive director, a research 10
associate, and an administrative assistant all appointed by the 11
director of job and family services. The director shall make the 12
appointments not later than sixty days after the effective date of 13
this section. 14

(B) The Ohio family stability commission shall do all of the 15
following: 16

(1) During its first year of operation, conduct research and 17
formulate recommendations to the general assembly, appropriate 18
state agencies, and other appropriate entities concerning the 19
following societal issues that impact the stability of families in 20

<u>this state:</u>	21
<u>(a) The divorce rate in this state and measures and strategies for reducing the divorce rate;</u>	22 23
<u>(b) The birth rate amongst unmarried individuals in this state and measures and strategies for reducing the number of births occurring outside of marriage;</u>	24 25 26
<u>(c) The rate of domestic violence, including child abuse, in this state and measures and strategies for reducing that rate;</u>	27 28
<u>(d) Issues concerning child custody and child support.</u>	29
<u>The recommendations formulated under division (B)(1) of this section shall provide the general assembly, appropriate state agencies, and other appropriate entities with strategies, both legal and otherwise, for addressing the issues studied under divisions (B)(1)(a) to (d) of this section.</u>	30 31 32 33 34
<u>(2) During its second year of operation, work with the general assembly, appropriate state agencies, and other appropriate entities to implement the recommendations formulated under division (B)(1) of this section;</u>	35 36 37 38
<u>(3) During its third year of operation, continue to work for the implementation of the recommendations formulated under division (B)(1) of this section and begin monitoring their implementation. The commission shall issue a report to the general assembly at the expiration of its third year of operation regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations formulated under division (B)(1) of this section.</u>	39 40 41 42 43 44 45
<u>(4) During its fourth year of operation, conduct activities ensuring the continued implementation and, if applicable, the enforcement of the recommendations formulated under division (B)(1) of this section. The commission shall issue a report to the general assembly at the end of its fourth year of operation</u>	46 47 48 49 50

regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations 51
formulated under division (B)(1) of this section. 52

(C) After the issuance of its report under division (B)(4) of 53
this section, the commission shall cease to exist. 54

Section 2. Section 5101.345 of the Revised Code is hereby 55
repealed effective the first day of the forty-ninth month after 56
the effective date of this act. 57