



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 144**

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(As Introduced)

Sen. R. Miller

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Creates in the Department of Job and Family Services the Ohio Family Stability Commission and specifies the Commission's duties in each year of its operation.
- Specifies that the Commission ceases to exist after it issues a report at the end of its fourth year of operation.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Ohio Family Stability Commission**

(R.C. 5101.345)

#### **Creation**

The bill creates the Ohio Family Stability Commission in the Department of Job and Family Services. The Commission must consist of an executive director, a research associate, and an administrative assistant, all appointed by the Director of Job and Family Services. The Director is required to make these appointments not later than 60 days after the bill's effective date.

#### **Duties**

The bill requires the Ohio Family Stability Commission to do all of the following:

##### **First year of operation**

During its first year of operation, the Commission must conduct research and formulate recommendations to the General Assembly, appropriate state agencies, and other appropriate entities concerning the following societal issues that impact the

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

### **Second year of operation**

During its second year of operation, the Commission must work with the General Assembly, appropriate state agencies, and other appropriate entities to implement the recommendations formulated during the Commission's first year of operation.

### **Third year of operation**

During its third year of operation, the Commission must continue to work for the implementation of the recommendations formulated during the Commission's first year of operation and must also begin to monitor the implementation of the recommendations. The Commission is further required to issue a report to the General Assembly at the end of this year regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations.

### **Fourth year of operation**

During its fourth year of operation, the Commission must conduct activities ensuring the continued implementation of the Commission's recommendations formulated during the Commission's first year of operation and, if applicable, the enforcement of the recommendations. The Commission is also required to issue a report to the General Assembly at the end of this year regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations.

### **Termination; repeal of bill's provisions**

The bill specifies that the Commission ceases to exist after it issues the report, required at the end of its fourth year of operation, regarding the status of the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Commission during its first year of operation. The bill also specifies that the bill's provisions are repealed on the first day of the forty-ninth month after the bill's effective date (*i.e.*, four years after the bill's effective date).

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## HISTORY

ACTION

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Introduced

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