

§ 5101.34. Commission on fatherhood created.

(A) There is hereby created in the department of job and family services the Ohio commission on fatherhood. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) (a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. Two of the members must be from legislative districts that include a county or part of a county that is among the one-third of counties in this state with the highest number per capita of households headed by females.

(b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, each from a different political party. One of the members must be from a legislative district that includes a county or part of a county that is among the one-third of counties in this state with the highest number per capita of households headed by females.

(2) The governor, or the governor's designee;

(3) One representative of the judicial branch of government appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

(4) The directors of health, job and family services, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services and the superintendent of public instruction, or their designees;

(5) One representative of the Ohio family and children first cabinet council created under section 121.37 of the Revised Code appointed by the chairperson of the council;

(6) Five representatives of the general public appointed by the governor. These members shall have extensive experience in issues related to fatherhood.

(B) The appointing authorities of the Ohio commission on fatherhood shall make initial appointments to the commission within thirty days after the effective date of this section. Of the initial appointments to the commission made pursuant to divisions (A)(3), (5), and (6) of this section, three of the members shall serve a term of one year and four shall serve a term of two years. Members so appointed subsequently shall serve two-year terms. A member appointed pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section shall serve on the commission until the end of the general assembly from which the member was appointed or until the member ceases to serve in the chamber of the general assembly in which the member serves at the time of appointment, whichever occurs first. The governor or the governor's designee shall serve on the commission until the governor ceases to be governor. The directors and superintendent or their designees shall serve on the commission until they cease, or the director or superintendent a designee represents ceases, to be director or superintendent. Each member shall serve on the commission from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed.

Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall serve on the commission for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue to serve on the commission subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor is appointed or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members shall

serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

HISTORY: 148 v H 283 (Eff 9-29-99); 148 v H 471. Eff 7-1-2000.

Not analogous to former RC § 5101.34 (139 v S 530; 141 v H 201; 142 v H 708), repealed 144 v H 298, § 2, eff 7-26-91.

The effective date is set by section 12(A) of HB 471.

[§ 5101.34.1] § 5101.341. Chairperson; staff; fund to support operations.

(A) The Ohio commission on fatherhood annually shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The department of job and family services shall provide staff and other support services for the commission.

(B) The commission may accept gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source to carry out any or all of the commission's duties. The funds shall be deposited into the Ohio commission on fatherhood fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds received by the commission pursuant to this division shall be used solely to support the operations of the commission.

HISTORY: 148 v H 283 (Eff 9-29-99); 148 v H 471. Eff 7-1-2000.

The effective date is set by section 12(A) of HB 471.

[§ 5101.34.2] § 5101.342. State summits on fatherhood; annual report.

The Ohio commission on fatherhood shall do both of the following:

- (A) Organize a state summit on fatherhood every four years;
- (B) (1) Prepare a report each year that identifies resources available to fund fatherhood-related programs and explores the creation of initiatives to do the following:
 - (a) Build the parenting skills of fathers;
 - (b) Provide employment-related services for low-income, noncustodial fathers;
 - (c) Prevent premature fatherhood;
 - (d) Provide services to fathers who are inmates in or have just been released from imprisonment in a state correctional institution, as defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code, or in any other detention facility, as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code, so that they are able to maintain or reestablish their relationships with their families;
 - (e) Reconcile fathers with their families;
 - (f) Increase public awareness of the critical role fathers play.
- (2) The commission shall submit each report prepared pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section to the president and minority leader of the senate, speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, governor, and chief justice of the supreme court. The first report is due not later than one year after the last of the initial appointments to the commission is made under section 5101.341 [5101.34.1] of the Revised Code.

HISTORY: 148 v H 283. Eff 9-29-99.

The effective date is set by section 162 of HB 283.

[§ 5101.34.3] § 5101.343. Exemption from expiration provisions.

Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the Ohio commission on fatherhood.

HISTORY: 148 v H 283 (Eff 9-29-99); 148 v H 548. Eff 3-22-2001/D.

The provisions of § 12 of HB 548 (148 v -) read as follows:

SECTION 12. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2001.

⚠ The effective date of section 1 of HB 548 (148 v -) differs from the effective date set for the section by section 12 of the act. See the provisions of OConst Art II, §§ 1c and d.