



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.342 State summits on fatherhood.

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

(A) Organize a state summit on fatherhood every four years;

(B) Prepare a report each year that does the following:

(1) 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) Describes the commission's expectations for the outcomes of fatherhood-related programs and initiatives and the methods the commission uses for conducting annual measures of those outcomes;

(3) Evaluates the number of fathers and children served and the number and types of additional



services provided as a result of the recommendations made to the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5101.805 of the Revised Code.

The commission shall submit each report to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(C) Pursuant to section 5101.805 of the Revised Code, the commission may make recommendations to the director of job and family services regarding funding, approval, and implementation of fatherhood programs in this state that meet at least one of the four purposes of the temporary assistance for needy families block grant, as specified in 42 U.S.C. 601.

(D) The portion of the report prepared pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section shall be prepared by the commission in collaboration with the director of children and youth.

(E) The commission shall submit each report prepared pursuant to division (B) 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 of the Revised Code.