OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures

- Re-establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures.
- Requires the Committee to review the effectiveness of recommendations of previous reports and to make legislative and fiscal policy recommendations that it believes would improve local public health services in Ohio.
- Requires the Committee to produce its report by December 31, 2020, and dissolves the Committee once it issues the report.

Broadcast committee meetings

- Authorizes the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service to broadcast and record any committee meeting in the Senate or House, as directed by the presiding officer.

Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force

- Specifies when members of the Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force must be appointed and how long they serve, including as chairperson.

Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures

(Section 737.40)

The act re-establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures and requires that it review relevant reports previously produced by similar public health futures committees in Ohio. The Committee must review the effectiveness of recommendations from those reports that are being or that have been implemented, and based on the knowledge and insight gained from its reviews, make legislative and fiscal policy recommendations that it believes would improve local public health services in Ohio.

Not later than December 31, 2020, the Committee must prepare a report that describes its review of the past reports and the implemented recommendations and that explains the Committee’s new policy recommendations. The Committee must transmit a copy of its report to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House. Upon transmitting its report, the Committee ceases to exist.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and each of the following associations must appoint one individual to the Committee: the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Public Health Association, the Ohio Environmental Health Association, the Ohio Boards of Health Association, the Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Hospital Association. The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners must appoint two individuals to the Committee. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House each must appoint two members to the Committee. Of the two appointments made by each legislative leader, one must be a member of the General
Assembly from the appointing member’s chamber. Appointments must be made as soon as possible but not later than 30 days after October 17, 2019. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

As soon as all members have been appointed to the Committee, the Senate President must fix a time and place for the Committee to hold its first meeting. At that meeting, the Committee must elect from among its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. The ODH Director must provide meeting and office space, equipment, and professional, technical, and clerical staff as are necessary for the Committee successfully to complete its work.

**Broadcast committee meetings**

(R.C. 3353.07)

The act authorizes the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service (OGT) to broadcast and record any committee meeting in the Senate or House, as directed by the presiding officer of the respective chamber. “Committee” means any committee of either chamber, a joint committee of both chambers, including a conference committee, or a subcommittee of any committee. A “meeting” means any prearranged discussion of the public business of a committee by a majority of its members.

OGT provides the state government and affiliated organizations with multimedia support, including audio, visual, Internet services, multimedia streaming, and hosting multimedia programs.

**Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force**

(R.C. 101.38)

The act modifies the appointment procedures for members to the Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force. It requires that appointments be made within 45 days after the first regular session of each General Assembly. Under the act, members of the Task Force serve for two years until appointments are made for the next General Assembly. However, a member of the Task Force who is also a member of the General Assembly is permitted to serve on the Task Force until the person is no longer a member of the General Assembly.

The act also eliminates a restriction that prohibited the chairperson of the Task Force from serving as chairperson for more than one year.