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Knowlton Constr. Co. (1990), 49 Ohio St.3d 193, thereby providing health care practitioners with access to affordable medical malpractice insurance and maintaining the provision of quality health care in Ohio.

(2) The General Assembly acknowledges the Court's authority in prescribing rules governing practice and procedure in the courts of this state as provided by Section 5 of Article IV of the Ohio Constitution.

SECTION 4. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio Medical Malpractice Commission consisting of nine members. The President of the Senate shall appoint three of the members, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three of the members. The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member. The Director of the Department of Insurance or the Director's designee shall be the ninth member of the Commission. Of the six members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one shall represent the Ohio State Bar Association, one shall represent the Ohio State Medical Association, and one shall represent the insurance companies in Ohio, and all of them shall have expertise in medical malpractice insurance issues.

(B) The Commission shall do all of the following:

(1) Study the effects of this act;

(2) Investigate the problems posed by, and the issues surrounding, medical malpractice;

(3) Submit a report of its findings to the members of the General Assembly not later than two years after the effective date of this act.

(C) Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(D) The members of the Commission shall by majority vote elect a chairperson from among themselves.

(E) The Department of Insurance shall provide any technical, professional, and clerical employees that are necessary for the Commission to perform its duties.

SECTION 5. (A)(1) In recognition of the statewide concern over