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To amend sections 5153.16 and 6301.07 and to enact 1
sections 2151.81 to 2151.84 and 5111.0111 of the 2
Revised Code regarding the provision of independent 3
living services, Medicaid, and work force 4
development services and activities for certain 5
children and young adults so they may become 6
independent adults. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5153.16 and 6301.07 be amended and 8
sections 2151.81, 2151.82, 2151.83, 2151.84, and 5111.0111 of the 9
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 10

Sec. 2151.81. As used in sections 2151.82 to 2151.84 of the 11
Revised Code: 12

(A) "Independent living services" means services and other 13

forms of support designed to aid children and young adults to
successfully make the transition to independent adult living and
to achieve emotional and economic self-sufficiency. "Independent
living services" may include the following:

(1) Providing housing;

(2) Teaching decision-making skills;

(3) Teaching daily living skills such as securing and
maintaining a residence, money management, utilization of
community services and systems, personal health care, hygiene and
safety, and time management;

(4) Assisting in obtaining education, training, and
employment skills;

(5) Assisting in developing positive adult relationships and
community supports.

(B) "Young adult" means a person eighteen years of age or
older but under twenty-one years of age who was in the temporary
or permanent custody of, or was provided care in a planned
permanent living arrangement by, a public children services agency
or private child placing agency on the date the person attained
age eighteen.

Sec. 2151.82. A public children services agency or private
child placing agency, that has temporary or permanent custody of,
or is providing care in a planned permanent living arrangement to,
a child who is sixteen or seventeen years of age, shall provide
independent living services to the child. The services to be
provided shall be determined based on an evaluation of the
strengths and weaknesses of the child, completed or obtained by
the agency. If housing is provided as part of the services, the
child shall be placed in housing that is supervised or
semi-supervised by an adult.

The services shall be included as part of the case plan 44
established for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the 45
Revised Code. 46

Sec. 2151.83. (A) A public children services agency or 47
private child placing agency, on the request of a young adult, 48
shall enter into a jointly prepared written agreement with the 49
young adult that obligates the agency to ensure that independent 50
living services are provided to the young adult and sets forth the 51
responsibilities of the young adult regarding the services. The 52
agreement shall be developed based on the young adult's strengths, 53
needs, and circumstances and the availability of funds provided 54
pursuant to section 2151.84 of the Revised Code. The agreement 55
shall be designed to promote the young adult's successful 56
transition to independent adult living and emotional and economic 57
self-sufficiency. 58

(B) If the young adult appears to be eligible for services 59
from one or more of the following entities, the agency must 60
contact the appropriate entity to determine eligibility: 61

(1) An entity, other than the agency, that is represented on 62
a county family and children first council established pursuant to 63
section 121.37 of the Revised Code. If the entity is a board of 64
alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, an alcohol 65
and drug addiction services board, or a community mental health 66
board, the agency shall contact the provider of alcohol, drug 67
addiction, or mental health services that has been designated by 68
the board to determine the young adult's eligibility for services. 69

(2) The rehabilitation services commission; 70

(3) A metropolitan housing authority established pursuant to 71
section 3735.27 of the Revised Code. 72

If an entity described in this division determines that the 73

young adult qualifies for services from the entity, that entity, 74
the young adult, and the agency to which the young adult made the 75
request for independent living services shall enter into a written 76
addendum to the jointly prepared agreement entered into under 77
division (A) of this section. The addendum shall indicate how 78
services under the agreement and addendum are to be coordinated 79
and allocate the service responsibilities among the entities and 80
agency that signed the addendum. 81

Sec. 2151.84. The department of job and family services shall 82
establish model agreements that may be used by public children 83
services agencies and private child placing agencies required to 84
provide services under an agreement with a young adult pursuant to 85
section 2151.83 of the Revised Code. The model agreements shall 86
include provisions describing the specific independent living 87
services to be provided to the extent funds are provided pursuant 88
to this section, the duration of the services and the agreement, 89
the duties and responsibilities of each party under the agreement, 90
and grievance procedures regarding disputes that arise regarding 91
the agreement or services provided under it. 92

To facilitate the provision of independent living services, 93
the department shall provide funds to meet the requirement of 94
state matching funds needed to qualify for federal funds under the 95
"Foster Care Independence Act of 1999," 113 Stat. 1822 (1999), 42 96
U.S.C. 677, as amended. The department shall seek controlling 97
board approval of any fund transfers necessary to meet this 98
requirement. 99

Sec. 5111.0111. The director of job and family services may 100
submit to the United States secretary of health and human services 101
an amendment to the state medicaid plan to make an individual 102
receiving independent living services pursuant to sections 2151.81 103
to 2151.84 of the Revised Code eligible for medicaid. If approved 104

by the United States secretary of health and human services, the 105
director of job and family services shall implement the medicaid 106
plan amendment submitted under this section. 107

Sec. 5153.16. (A) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of 108
the Revised Code, in accordance with rules of the department of 109
job and family services, and on behalf of children in the county 110
whom the public children services agency considers to be in need 111
of public care or protective services, the public children 112
services agency shall do all of the following: 113

(1) Make an investigation concerning any child alleged to be 114
an abused, neglected, or dependent child; 115

(2) Enter into agreements with the parent, guardian, or other 116
person having legal custody of any child, or with the department 117
of job and family services, department of mental health, 118
department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, 119
other department, any certified organization within or outside the 120
county, or any agency or institution outside the state, having 121
legal custody of any child, with respect to the custody, care, or 122
placement of any child, or with respect to any matter, in the 123
interests of the child, provided the permanent custody of a child 124
shall not be transferred by a parent to the public children 125
services agency without the consent of the juvenile court; 126

(3) Accept custody of children committed to the public 128
children services agency by a court exercising juvenile 129
jurisdiction; 130

(4) Provide such care as the public children services agency 131
considers to be in the best interests of any child adjudicated to 132
be an abused, neglected, or dependent child the agency finds to be 133
in need of public care or service; 134

(5) Provide social services to any unmarried girl adjudicated 135

to be an abused, neglected, or dependent child who is pregnant	136
with or has been delivered of a child;	137
(6) Make available to the bureau for children with medical	138
handicaps of the department of health at its request any	139
information concerning a crippled child found to be in need of	140
treatment under sections 3701.021 to 3701.028 of the Revised Code	141
who is receiving services from the public children services	142
agency;	143
(7) Provide temporary emergency care for any child considered	144
by the public children services agency to be in need of such care,	145
without agreement or commitment;	146
(8) Find certified foster homes, within or outside the	147
county, for the care of children, including handicapped children	148
from other counties attending special schools in the county;	149
(9) Subject to the approval of the board of county	150
commissioners and the state department of job and family services,	151
establish and operate a training school or enter into an agreement	152
with any municipal corporation or other political subdivision of	153
the county respecting the operation, acquisition, or maintenance	154
of any children's home, training school, or other institution for	155
the care of children maintained by such municipal corporation or	156
political subdivision;	157
(10) Acquire and operate a county children's home, establish,	158
maintain, and operate a receiving home for the temporary care of	159
children, or procure certified foster homes for this purpose;	160
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(11) Enter into an agreement with the trustees of any	162
district children's home, respecting the operation of the district	163
children's home in cooperation with the other county boards in the	164
district;	165
(12) Cooperate with, make its services available to, and act	166

as the agent of persons, courts, the department of job and family services, the department of health, and other organizations within and outside the state, in matters relating to the welfare of children, except that the public children services agency shall not be required to provide supervision of or other services related to the exercise of parenting time rights granted pursuant to section 3109.051 or 3109.12 of the Revised Code or companionship or visitation rights granted pursuant to section 3109.051, 3109.11, or 3109.12 of the Revised Code unless a juvenile court, pursuant to Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, or a common pleas court, pursuant to division (E)(6) of section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, requires the provision of supervision or other services related to the exercise of the parenting time rights or companionship or visitation rights;

(13) Make investigations at the request of any superintendent of schools in the county or the principal of any school concerning the application of any child adjudicated to be an abused, neglected, or dependent child for release from school, where such service is not provided through a school attendance department;

(14) Administer funds provided under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C.A. 671, as amended, in accordance with rules adopted under section 5101.141 of the Revised Code;

(15) In addition to administering Title IV-E adoption assistance funds, enter into agreements to make adoption assistance payments under section 5153.163 of the Revised Code;

(16) Implement a system of risk assessment, in accordance with rules adopted by the director of job and family services, to assist the public children services agency in determining the risk of abuse or neglect to a child;

(17) Enter into a plan of cooperation with the board of county commissioners under section 307.983 of the Revised Code and comply with the partnership agreement the board enters into under section 307.98 of the Revised Code and contracts the board enters into under sections 307.981 and 307.982 of the Revised Code that affect the public children services agency;

(18) Make reasonable efforts to prevent the removal of an alleged or adjudicated abused, neglected, or dependent child from the child's home, eliminate the continued removal of the child from the child's home, or make it possible for the child to return home safely, except that reasonable efforts of that nature are not required when a court has made a determination under division (A)(2) of section 2151.419 of the Revised Code;

(19) Make reasonable efforts to place the child in a timely manner in accordance with the permanency plan approved under division (E) of section 2151.417 of the Revised Code and to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of the child;

(20) Administer a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(3)(c) or (d) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code that the department of job and family services provides for the public children services agency to administer under the department's supervision pursuant to section 5101.801 of the Revised Code;

(21) Provide independent living services pursuant to sections 2151.81 to 2151.84 of the Revised Code.

(B) The public children services agency shall use the system implemented pursuant to division (B)(16) of this section in connection with an investigation undertaken pursuant to division (F)(1) of section 2151.421 of the Revised Code and may use the system at any other time the agency is involved with any child

when the agency determines that risk assessment is necessary.	229
(C) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of the Revised Code, in accordance with rules of the director of job and family services, and on behalf of children in the county whom the public children services agency considers to be in need of public care or protective services, the public children services agency may do the following:	230
(1) Provide or find, with other child serving systems, specialized foster care for the care of children in a specialized foster home, as defined in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code, certified under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;	231
(2)(a) Except as limited by divisions (C)(2)(b) and (c) of this section, contract with the following for the purpose of assisting the agency with its duties:	232
(i) County departments of job and family services;	233
(ii) Boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services;	234
(iii) County boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities;	235
(iv) Regional councils of political subdivisions established under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code;	236
(v) Private and government providers of services;	237
(vi) Managed care organizations and prepaid health plans.	238
(b) A public children services agency contract under division (C)(2)(a) of this section regarding the agency's duties under section 2151.421 of the Revised Code may not provide for the entity under contract with the agency to perform any service not authorized by the department's rules.	239
(c) Only a county children services board appointed under	240

section 5153.03 of the Revised Code that is a public children 258
services agency may contract under division (C)(2)(a) of this 259
section. If an entity specified in division (B) or (C) of section 260
5153.02 of the Revised Code is the public children services agency 261
for a county, the board of county commissioners may enter into 262
contracts pursuant to section 307.982 of the Revised Code 263
regarding the agency's duties. 264

Sec. 6301.07. (A) Every workforce policy board, with the 265
agreement of the chief elected officials of the local area, and 266
after holding public hearings that allow public comment and 267
testimony, shall prepare a workforce development plan and 268
incorporate that plan into and attach that plan to the partnership 269
agreement required under section 6301.05 of the Revised Code. The 270
plan shall accomplish all of the following: 271

(1) Identify the workforce investment needs of businesses in 272
the local area, identify projected employment opportunities, and 273
identify the job skills necessary to obtain those opportunities; 274

(2) Identify the local area's workforce development needs for 275
youth, dislocated workers, adults, displaced homemakers, incumbent 276
workers, and any other group of workers identified by the 277
workforce policy board; 278

(3) Determine the distribution of workforce development 279
resources and funding to be distributed for each workforce 280
development activity to meet the identified needs, utilizing the 281
funds allocated pursuant to the "Workforce Investment Act of 282
1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C.A. 2801, as amended; 283

(4) Give priority to youth receiving independent living 284
services pursuant to sections 2151.81 to 2151.84 of the Revised 285
Code when determining distribution of workforce development 286
resources and workforce development activity funding; 287

(5) Review the minimum curriculum required by the state 288
workforce policy board for certifying training providers and 289
identify any additional curriculum requirements to include in 290
contracts between the training providers and the chief elected 291
officials of the local area; 292

~~(5)~~(6) Establish performance standards for service providers 293
that reflect local workforce development needs; 294

~~(6)~~(7) Describe any other information the chief elected 295
officials of the local area require. 296

(B) A workforce policy board may provide policy guidance and 297
recommendations to the chief elected officials of a local area for 298
any workforce development activities. 299

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits the chief elected 300
officials of a local area from assigning, through a partnership 301
agreement, any duties in addition to the duties under this section 302
to a workforce policy board, except that a workforce policy board 303
cannot contract with itself for the direct provision of services 304
in its local area. A workforce policy board may consult with the 305
chief elected officials of its local area and make recommendations 306
regarding the workforce development activities provided in its 307
local area at any time. 308

Section 2. That existing sections 5153.16 and 6301.07 of the 309
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 310