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## A B I L L

To amend sections 2151.36, 2151.62, 2152.72, 3107.013, 1  
and 3107.12, and to enact sections 2151.361 and 2  
3107.017 of the Revised Code to modify the law 3  
regarding child support for a child who is adopted 4  
by foster parents, to modify the law regarding the 5  
information that must be provided to prospective 6  
adoptive parents about a prospective adoptive 7  
child's background, to require a psychological 8  
examination of certain prospective adoptive 9  
children, to extend the permissible time period 10  
between psychological exams for certain prospective 11  
adoptive children, to require the Director of Job 12  
and Family Services to create a task force to study 13  
methods to assess behaviors of children in the 14  
foster care and adoption systems, and to amend the 15  
version of section 2151.36 of the Revised Code that 16  
is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2002, to 17  
continue the provisions of this act on and after 18  
that effective date. 19

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.36, 2151.62, 2152.72, 3107.013, 21  
and 3107.12 be amended and sections 2151.361 and 3107.017 of the 22  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 23

Sec. 2151.36. ~~When~~ Except as provided in section 2151.361 of 24  
the Revised Code, when a child has been committed as provided by 25  
this chapter, the juvenile court shall issue an order pursuant to 26  
~~sections~~ Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised 27  
Code requiring that the parent, guardian, or person charged with 28  
the child's support pay for the care, support, maintenance, and 29  
education of the child. The juvenile court shall order that the 30  
parents, guardian, or person pay for the expenses involved in 31  
providing orthopedic, medical, or surgical treatment for, or for 32  
special care of, the child, enter a judgment for the amount due, 33  
and enforce the judgment by execution as in the court of common 34  
pleas. 35

Any expenses incurred for the care, support, maintenance, 36  
education, orthopedic, medical, or surgical treatment, and special 37  
care of a child who has a legal settlement in another county shall 38  
be at the expense of the county of legal settlement if the consent 39  
of the juvenile judge of the county of legal settlement is first 40  
obtained. When the consent is obtained, the board of county 41  
commissioners of the county in which the child has a legal 42  
settlement shall reimburse the committing court for the expenses 43  
out of its general fund. If the department of job and family 44  
services considers it to be in the best interest of any 45  
delinquent, dependent, unruly, abused, or neglected child who has 46  
a legal settlement in a foreign state or country that the child be 47  
returned to the state or country of legal settlement, the juvenile 48  
court may commit the child to the department for the child's 49  
return to that state or country. 50

Any expenses ordered by the court for the care, support, 51

52 maintenance, education, orthopedic, medical, or surgical  
53 treatment, or special care of a dependent, neglected, abused,  
54 unruly, or delinquent child or of a juvenile traffic offender  
55 under this chapter, except the part of the expense that may be  
56 paid by the state or federal government or paid by the parents,  
57 guardians, or person charged with the child's support pursuant to  
58 this section, shall be paid from the county treasury upon  
59 specifically itemized vouchers, certified to by the judge. The  
60 court shall not be responsible for any expenses resulting from the  
61 commitment of children to any home, public children services  
62 agency, private child placing agency, or other institution,  
63 association, or agency, unless the court authorized the expenses  
64 at the time of commitment.

65 Sec. 2151.361. (A) If the parents of a child enter into an  
66 agreement with a public children services agency or private child  
67 placing agency to place the child into the temporary custody of  
68 the agency, the juvenile court, at its discretion, may issue an  
69 order pursuant to Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the  
70 Revised Code requiring that the parents pay for the care, support,  
71 maintenance, and education of the child if both of the following  
72 apply:

73 (1) The parents adopted the child.

74 (2) The parents were the foster caregivers to the child prior  
75 to adopting the child.

76 (B) When determining whether to issue an order under division  
77 (A) of this section, the juvenile court shall consider all  
78 pertinent issues, including, but not limited to, all of the  
79 following:

80 (1) The ability of the parents to pay for the care, support,  
81 maintenance, and education of the child;

<u>(2) The chances for reunification of the parents and child;</u>	82
<u>(3) Whether issuing the order will encourage the</u>	83
<u>reunification of the parents and child or undermine that</u>	84
<u>reunification;</u>	85
<u>(4) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the</u>	86
<u>child into temporary custody existed prior to the parents'</u>	87
<u>adoption of the child and whether the parents were informed of the</u>	88
<u>problem prior to that adoption;</u>	89
<u>(5) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the</u>	90
<u>child into temporary custody began after the parents' adoption of</u>	91
<u>the child;</u>	92
<u>(6) Whether the parents have contributed to the child's</u>	93
<u>problems;</u>	94
<u>(7) Whether the parents are part of the solution to the</u>	95
<u>child's problems.</u>	96
 <b>Sec. 2151.62.</b> (A) This section applies only to a child who is	97
or previously has been adjudicated a delinquent child for an act	98
to which any of the following applies:	99
 (1) It is a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03,	100
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05	101
of the Revised Code;	102
 (2) It is a violation of section 2923.01 of the Revised Code	103
and involved an attempt to commit aggravated murder or murder;	104
 (3) It would be a felony if committed by an adult, and the	105
court determined that the child, if an adult, would be guilty of a	106
specification found in section 2941.141, 2941.144, or 2941.145 of	107
the Revised Code or in another section of the Revised Code that	108
relates to the possession or use of a firearm during the	109
commission of the act for which the child was adjudicated a	110

delinquent child;

(4) It would be an offense of violence that is a felony if committed by an adult, and the court determined that the child, if an adult, would be guilty of a specification found in section 2941.1411 of the Revised Code or in another section of the Revised Code that relates to the wearing or carrying of body armor during the commission of the act for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or court, the department of youth services, or another private or government entity shall not place a child in a certified foster home or for adoption until it provides the foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents with all of the following:

(a) A written report describing the child's social history;

(b) A written report describing all the acts committed by the child the entity knows of that resulted in the child being adjudicated a delinquent child and the disposition made by the court, unless the records pertaining to the acts have been sealed pursuant to section 2151.358 of the Revised Code;

(c) A written report describing any other violent act committed by the child of which the entity is aware;

(d) The substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of any psychiatric or psychological examination conducted on the child or, if no psychological or psychiatric examination of the child is available, the substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of an examination to detect mental and emotional disorders conducted in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code by an independent social worker, social worker, professional clinical

counselor, or professional counselor licensed under that chapter.  
The entity shall not provide any part of a psychological,  
psychiatric, or mental and emotional disorder examination to the  
foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents other than the  
substantial and material conclusions.

(2) Notwithstanding section 2151.358 of the Revised Code, if  
records of an adjudication that a child is a delinquent child have  
been sealed pursuant to that section and an entity knows the  
records have been sealed, the entity shall provide the foster  
caregivers or prospective adoptive parents a written statement  
that the records of a prior adjudication have been sealed.

(C)(1) The entity that places the child in a certified foster  
home or for adoption shall conduct a psychological examination of  
the child, ~~except that the~~ unless either of the following applies:

(a) An entity is not required to conduct the examination if  
~~such~~ an examination was conducted no more than one year prior to  
the child's placement, and division (C)(1)(b) of this section does  
not apply. No

(b) An entity is not required to conduct the examination if a  
foster caregiver seeks to adopt the foster caregiver's foster  
child, and an examination was conducted no more than two years  
prior to the date the foster caregiver seeks to adopt the child.

(2) No later than sixty days after placing the child, the  
entity shall provide the foster caregiver or prospective adoptive  
parents a written report detailing the substantial and material  
conclusions and recommendations of the examination conducted  
pursuant to this division.

(D)(1) Except as provided in divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this  
section, the expenses of conducting the examinations and preparing  
the reports and assessment required by division (B) or (C) of this

section shall be paid by the entity that places the child in the  
certified foster home or for adoption.

(2) When a juvenile court grants temporary or permanent  
custody of a child pursuant to any section of the Revised Code,  
including section 2151.33, 2151.353, 2151.354, or 2151.355 of the  
Revised Code, to a public children services agency or private  
child placing agency, the court shall provide the agency the  
information described in division (B) of this section, pay the  
expenses of preparing that information, and, if a new examination  
is required to be conducted, pay the expenses of conducting the  
examination described in division (C) of this section. On receipt  
of the information described in division (B) of this section, the  
agency shall provide to the court written acknowledgment that the  
agency received the information. The court shall keep the  
acknowledgment and provide a copy to the agency. On the motion of  
the agency, the court may terminate the order granting temporary  
or permanent custody of the child to that agency, if the court  
does not provide the information described in division (B) of this  
section.

(3) If one of the following entities is placing a child in a  
certified foster home or for adoption with the assistance of or by  
contracting with a public children services agency, private child  
placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency, the entity shall  
provide the agency with the information described in division (B)  
of this section, pay the expenses of preparing that information,  
and, if a new examination is required to be conducted, pay the  
expenses of conducting the examination described in division (C)  
of this section:

(a) The department of youth services if the placement is  
pursuant to any section of the Revised Code including section  
2151.38, 5139.06, 5139.07, 5139.38, or 5139.39 of the Revised  
Code;

(b) A juvenile court with temporary or permanent custody of a child pursuant to section 2151.354 or 2151.355 of the Revised Code;

(c) A public children services agency or private child placing agency with temporary or permanent custody of the child.

The agency receiving the information described in division (B) of this section shall provide the entity described in division (D)(3)(a) to (c) of this section that sent the information written acknowledgment that the agency received the information and provided it to the foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents. The entity shall keep the acknowledgment and provide a copy to the agency. An entity that places a child in a certified foster home or for adoption with the assistance of or by contracting with an agency remains responsible to provide the information described in division (B) of this section to the foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents unless the entity receives written acknowledgment that the agency provided the information.

(E) If a child is placed in a certified foster home as a result of an emergency removal of the child from home pursuant to division (D) of section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, an emergency change in the child's case plan pursuant to division (E)(3) of section 2151.412 of the Revised Code, or an emergency placement by the department of youth services pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 5139. of the Revised Code, the entity that places the child in the certified foster home shall provide the information described in division (B) of this section no later than ninety-six hours after the child is placed in the certified foster home.

(F) On receipt of the information described in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the foster caregiver or prospective adoptive parents shall provide to the entity that places the child in the foster caregiver's or prospective adoptive parents' home a



written acknowledgment that the foster caregiver or prospective 237  
adoptive parents received the information. The entity shall keep 238  
the acknowledgment and provide a copy to the foster caregiver or 239  
prospective adoptive parents. 240

(G) No person employed by an entity subject to this section 241  
and made responsible by that entity for the child's placement in a 242  
certified foster home or for adoption shall fail to provide the 243  
foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents with the 244  
information required by divisions (B) and (C) of this section. 245

(H) It is not a violation of any duty of confidentiality 246  
provided for in the Revised Code or a code of professional 247  
responsibility for a person or government entity to provide the 248  
substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of a 249  
psychiatric or psychological examination, or an examination to 250  
detect mental and emotional disorders, in accordance with division 251  
(B)(1)(d) or (C) of this section. 252

(I) As used in this section: 253

(1) "Body armor" has the same meaning as in section 2941.1411 254  
of the Revised Code. 255

(2) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of 256  
the Revised Code. 257

**Sec. 2152.72.** (A) This section applies only to a child who is 258  
or previously has been adjudicated a delinquent child for an act 259  
to which any of the following applies: 260

(1) The act is a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 261  
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 262  
2907.05 of the Revised Code~~+~~. 263

(2) The act is a violation of section 2923.01 of the Revised 264  
Code and involved an attempt to commit aggravated murder or 265  
murder~~+~~. 266

(3) The act would be a felony if committed by an adult, and the court determined that the child, if an adult, would be guilty of a specification found in section 2941.141, 2941.144, or 2941.145 of the Revised Code or in another section of the Revised Code that relates to the possession or use of a firearm during the commission of the act for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child+.

(4) ~~It~~ The act would be an offense of violence that is a felony if committed by an adult, and the court determined that the child, if an adult, would be guilty of a specification found in section 2941.1411 of the Revised Code or in another section of the Revised Code that relates to the wearing or carrying of body armor during the commission of the act for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or court, the department of youth services, or another private or government entity shall not place a child in a certified foster home or for adoption until it provides the foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents with all of the following:

(a) A written report describing the child's social history;

(b) A written report describing all the acts committed by the child the entity knows of that resulted in the child being adjudicated a delinquent child and the disposition made by the court, unless the records pertaining to the acts have been sealed pursuant to section 2151.358 of the Revised Code;

(c) A written report describing any other violent act committed by the child of which the entity is aware;

(d) The substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of any psychiatric or psychological examination

conducted on the child or, if no psychological or psychiatric  
examination of the child is available, the substantial and  
material conclusions and recommendations of an examination to  
detect mental and emotional disorders conducted in compliance with  
the requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code by an  
independent social worker, social worker, professional clinical  
counselor, or professional counselor licensed under that chapter.  
The entity shall not provide any part of a psychological,  
psychiatric, or mental and emotional disorder examination to the  
foster caregivers other than the substantial and material  
conclusions.

(2) Notwithstanding section 2151.358 of the Revised Code, if  
records of an adjudication that a child is a delinquent child have  
been sealed pursuant to that section and an entity knows the  
records have been sealed, the entity shall provide the foster  
caregivers or prospective adoptive parents a written statement  
that the records of a prior adjudication have been sealed.

(C)(1) The entity that places the child in a certified foster  
home or for adoption shall conduct a psychological examination of  
the child, ~~except that the~~ unless either of the following applies:

(a) An entity is not required to conduct the examination if  
~~such~~ an examination was conducted no more than one year prior to  
the child's placement, and division (C)(1)(b) of this section does  
not apply. ~~No~~

(b) An entity is not required to conduct the examination if a  
foster caregiver seeks to adopt the foster caregiver's foster  
child, and an examination was conducted no more than two years  
prior to the date the foster caregiver seeks to adopt the child.

(2) No later than sixty days after placing the child, the  
entity shall provide the foster caregiver or prospective adoptive

parents a written report detailing the substantial and material 329  
conclusions and recommendations of the examination conducted 330  
pursuant to this division. 331

(D)(1) Except as provided in divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this 332  
section, the expenses of conducting the examinations and preparing 333  
the reports and assessment required by division (B) or (C) of this 334  
section shall be paid by the entity that places the child in the 335  
certified foster home or for adoption. 336

(2) When a juvenile court grants temporary or permanent 337  
custody of a child pursuant to any section of the Revised Code, 338  
including section 2151.33, 2151.353, 2151.354, or 2152.19 of the 339  
Revised Code, to a public children services agency or private 340  
child placing agency, the court shall provide the agency the 341  
information described in division (B) of this section, pay the 342  
expenses of preparing that information, and, if a new examination 343  
is required to be conducted, pay the expenses of conducting the 344  
examination described in division (C) of this section. On receipt 345  
of the information described in division (B) of this section, the 346  
agency shall provide to the court written acknowledgment that the 347  
agency received the information. The court shall keep the 348  
acknowledgment and provide a copy to the agency. On the motion of 349  
the agency, the court may terminate the order granting temporary 350  
or permanent custody of the child to that agency, if the court 351  
does not provide the information described in division (B) of this 352  
section. 353

(3) If one of the following entities is placing a child in a 354  
certified foster home or for adoption with the assistance of or by 355  
contracting with a public children services agency, private child 356  
placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency, the entity shall 357  
provide the agency with the information described in division (B) 358  
of this section, pay the expenses of preparing that information, 359  
and, if a new examination is required to be conducted, pay the 360

expenses of conducting the examination described in division (C) 361  
of this section: 362

(a) The department of youth services if the placement is 363  
pursuant to any section of the Revised Code including section 364  
2152.22, 5139.06, 5139.07, 5139.38, or 5139.39 of the Revised 365  
Code; 366

(b) A juvenile court with temporary or permanent custody of a 367  
child pursuant to section 2151.354 or 2152.19 of the Revised Code; 368  
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(c) A public children services agency or private child 370  
placing agency with temporary or permanent custody of the child. 371

The agency receiving the information described in division 372  
(B) of this section shall provide the entity described in division 373  
(D)(3)(a) to (c) of this section that sent the information written 374  
acknowledgment that the agency received the information and 375  
provided it to the foster caregivers or prospective adoptive 376  
parents. The entity shall keep the acknowledgment and provide a 377  
copy to the agency. An entity that places a child in a certified 378  
foster home or for adoption with the assistance of or by 379  
contracting with an agency remains responsible to provide the 380  
information described in division (B) of this section to the 381  
foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents unless the 382  
entity receives written acknowledgment that the agency provided 383  
the information. 384

(E) If a child is placed in a certified foster home as a 385  
result of an emergency removal of the child from home pursuant to 386  
division (D) of section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, an emergency 387  
change in the child's case plan pursuant to division (E)(3) of 388  
section 2151.412 of the Revised Code, or an emergency placement by 389  
the department of youth services pursuant to this chapter or 390  
Chapter 5139. of the Revised Code, the entity that places the 391  
child in the certified foster home shall provide the information 392

described in division (B) of this section no later than ninety-six  
hours after the child is placed in the certified foster home.

(F) On receipt of the information described in divisions (B)  
and (C) of this section, the foster caregiver or prospective  
adoptive parents shall provide to the entity that places the child  
in the foster caregiver's or prospective adoptive parents' home a  
written acknowledgment that the foster caregiver or prospective  
adoptive parents received the information. The entity shall keep  
the acknowledgment and provide a copy to the foster caregiver or  
prospective adoptive parents.

(G) No person employed by an entity subject to this section  
and made responsible by that entity for the child's placement in a  
certified foster home or for adoption shall fail to provide the  
foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents with the  
information required by divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(H) It is not a violation of any duty of confidentiality  
provided for in the Revised Code or a code of professional  
responsibility for a person or government entity to provide the  
substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of a  
psychiatric or psychological examination, or an examination to  
detect mental and emotional disorders, in accordance with division  
(B)(1)(d) or (C) of this section.

(I) As used in this section:

(1) "Body armor" has the same meaning as in section 2941.1411  
of the Revised Code.

(2) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of  
the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3107.013.** An agency arranging an adoption pursuant to an  
application submitted to the agency under section 3107.012 of the  
Revised Code for a foster caregiver seeking to adopt the foster

caregiver's foster child shall ~~offer to~~ provide the foster 423  
caregiver information about adoption, including information about 424  
state adoption law, adoption assistance available pursuant to 425  
section 5153.163 of the Revised Code and Title IV-E of the "Social 426  
Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980), as amended, 427  
the types of behavior that the prospective adoptive parents may 428  
anticipate from children who have experienced abuse and neglect, 429  
suggested interventions and the assistance available if the child 430  
exhibits those types of behavior after adoption, and other 431  
adoption issues the department of job and family services 432  
identifies. ~~If the foster caregiver informs the agency that the~~ 433  
~~foster caregiver wants the information, the~~ The agency shall 434  
provide the information to the foster caregiver in accordance with 435  
rules the department of job and family services shall adopt in 436  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 437

**Sec. 3107.017.** The department of job and family services 438  
shall develop a standardized form for the disclosure of 439  
information about a prospective adoptive child to prospective 440  
adoptive parents. The information disclosed shall include all 441  
background information available on the child. The department 442  
shall distribute the form to all agencies. 443

**Sec. 3107.12.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this 444  
section, an assessor shall conduct a prefinalization assessment of 445  
a minor and petitioner before a court issues a final decree of 446  
adoption or finalizes an interlocutory order of adoption for the 447  
minor. On completion of the assessment, the assessor shall prepare 448  
a written report of the assessment and provide a copy of the 449  
report to the court before which the adoption petition is pending. 450

The report of a prefinalization assessment shall include all 452  
of the following: 453

(1) The adjustment of the minor and the petitioner to the 454  
adoptive placement; 455

(2) The present and anticipated needs of the minor and the 456  
petitioner, as determined by a review of the minor's medical and 457  
social history, for adoption-related services, including 458  
assistance under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 459  
501 (1980), 42 U.S.C.A. 670, as amended, or section 5153.163 of 460  
the Revised Code and counseling, case management services, crisis 461  
services, diagnostic services, and therapeutic counseling. 462

(3) The physical, mental, and developmental condition of the 463  
minor; 464

(4) If known, the minor's biological family background, 465  
including identifying information about the biological or other 466  
legal parents; 467

(5) The reasons for the minor's placement with the 468  
petitioner, the petitioner's attitude toward the proposed 469  
adoption, and the circumstances under which the minor was placed 470  
in the home of the petitioner; 471

(6) The attitude of the minor toward the proposed adoption, 472  
if the minor's age makes this feasible; 473

(7) If the minor is an Indian child, as defined in 25 474  
U.S.C.A. 1903(4), how the placement complies with the "Indian 475  
Child Welfare Act of 1978," 92 Stat. 3069, 25 U.S.C.A. 1901, as 476  
amended; 477

(8) If known, the minor's psychological background, including 478  
prior abuse of the child and behavioral problems of the child. 479

The assessor shall file the prefinalization report with the 480  
court not later than twenty days prior to the date scheduled for 481  
the final hearing on the adoption unless the court determines 482  
there is good cause for filing the report at a later date. 483



The assessor shall provide a copy of the written report of 484  
the assessment to the petitioner with the identifying information 485  
about the biological or other legal parents redacted. 486

(B) This section does not apply if the petitioner is the 487  
minor's stepparent, unless a court, after determining a 488  
prefinalization assessment is in the best interest of the minor, 489  
orders that an assessor conduct a prefinalization assessment. ~~This~~ 490  
~~section also does not apply if the petitioner is the minor's~~ 491  
~~foster caregiver and the minor has resided in the petitioner's~~ 492  
~~home as the foster caregiver's foster child for at least twelve~~ 493  
~~months prior to the date the petitioner submits an application~~ 494  
~~prescribed under division (B) of section 3107.012 of the Revised~~ 495  
~~Code to the agency arranging the adoption.~~ 496

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules 497  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code defining 498  
"counseling," "case management services," "crisis services," 499  
"diagnostic services," and "therapeutic counseling" for the 500  
purpose of this section. 501

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2151.36, 2151.62, 2152.72, 502  
3107.013, and 3107.12 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 503

**Section 3.** That the version of section 2151.36 of the Revised 504  
Code scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, be amended to read 505  
as follows: 506

**Sec. 2151.36.** ~~When~~ Except as provided in section 2151.361 of 507  
the Revised Code, when a child has been committed as provided by 508  
this chapter or Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code, the juvenile 509  
court shall issue an order pursuant to ~~sections~~ Chapters 3119., 510  
3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code requiring that the 511  
parent, guardian, or person charged with the child's support pay 512

for the care, support, maintenance, and education of the child. 513  
The juvenile court shall order that the parents, guardian, or 514  
person pay for the expenses involved in providing orthopedic, 515  
medical, or surgical treatment for, or for special care of, the 516  
child, enter a judgment for the amount due, and enforce the 517  
judgment by execution as in the court of common pleas. 518

Any expenses incurred for the care, support, maintenance, 519  
education, orthopedic, medical, or surgical treatment, and special 520  
care of a child who has a legal settlement in another county shall 521  
be at the expense of the county of legal settlement if the consent 522  
of the juvenile judge of the county of legal settlement is first 523  
obtained. When the consent is obtained, the board of county 524  
commissioners of the county in which the child has a legal 525  
settlement shall reimburse the committing court for the expenses 526  
out of its general fund. If the department of job and family 527  
services considers it to be in the best interest of any 528  
delinquent, dependent, unruly, abused, or neglected child who has 529  
a legal settlement in a foreign state or country that the child be 530  
returned to the state or country of legal settlement, the juvenile 531  
court may commit the child to the department for the child's 532  
return to that state or country. 533

Any expenses ordered by the court for the care, support, 534  
maintenance, education, orthopedic, medical, or surgical 535  
treatment, or special care of a dependent, neglected, abused, 536  
unruly, or delinquent child or of a juvenile traffic offender 537  
under this chapter or Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code, except 538  
the part of the expense that may be paid by the state or federal 539  
government or paid by the parents, guardians, or person charged 540  
with the child's support pursuant to this section, shall be paid 541  
from the county treasury upon specifically itemized vouchers, 542  
certified to by the judge. The court shall not be responsible for 543  
any expenses resulting from the commitment of children to any 544

home, public children services agency, private child placing 545  
agency, or other institution, association, or agency, unless the 546  
court authorized the expenses at the time of commitment. 547

**Section 4.** That the existing version of section 2151.36 of 548  
the Revised Code scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, is 549  
hereby repealed. 550

**Section 5.** (A) Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 551  
January 1, 2002. 552

(B) Section 2152.72 of the Revised Code, as amended by this 553  
act, shall take effect January 1, 2002. 554

**Section 6.** The Director of Job and Family Services, in 555  
conjunction with the Director of Mental Health, shall create a 556  
task force to advise the General Assembly on the development and 557  
evaluation of caseworker assessment education and training 558  
programs, assessment standards and criteria, and other programs or 559  
initiatives that may better assist foster and adoptive parents in 560  
dealing with children with behavioral problems. The members of the 561  
task force shall include professionals from the mental health 562  
field with expertise in the evaluation of at risk or special needs 563  
children and representatives of other organizations the Directors 564  
consider appropriate. 565

The task force, by July 1, 2002, shall submit to the Speaker 566  
and minority leader of the House of Representatives and to the 567  
President and the minority leader of the Senate a report of its 568  
findings and recommendations. 569

**Section 7.** The amendment of section 2151.62 of the Revised 570  
Code is not intended to supersede its amendment and renumbering by 571  
Am. Sub. S.B. 179 of the 123rd General Assembly. Paragraphs of 572

section 2151.62 of the Revised Code that are amended by this act 573  
were moved to section 2152.72 of the Revised Code by Am. Sub. S.B. 574  
179, effective January 1, 2002, as part of its revision of the 575  
juvenile sentencing laws. Therefore, section 2152.72 of the 576  
Revised Code is amended by this act to continue, on and after 577  
January 1, 2002, the amendments this act is making to section 578  
2151.62 of the Revised Code; section 2151.62 of the Revised Code 579  
as amended by this act is superseded on January 1, 2002, by the 580  
section as it results from its amendment and renumbering by Am. 581  
Sub. S.B. 179; and section 2152.72 of the Revised Code as amended 582  
by this act takes effect on January 1, 2002. 583

**Section 8.** (A) Section 2151.62 of the Revised Code is 584  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by 585  
both Sub. H.B. 448 and Am. Sub. S.B. 222 of the 123rd General 586  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 587  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 588  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 589  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 590  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 591  
as presented in this act. 592

(B) Section 2152.72 of the Revised Code is presented in this 593  
act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. H.B. 448, Am. 594  
Sub. S.B. 222, and Am. Sub. S.B. 179 of the 123rd General 595  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 596  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 597  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 598  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 599  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 600  
as presented in this act. 601

(C) Section 2151.36 of the Revised Code is presented in 602  
Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended by 603  
both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd General 604

Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section  
as presented in Section 3 of this act.

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