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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 Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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

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

Any expenses ordered by the court for the care, support, maintenance, education, orthopedic, medical, or surgical

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

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

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(1) The parents adopted the child.

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

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

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

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(2) The chances for reunification of the parents and child;

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(3) Whether issuing the order will encourage the reunification of the parents and child or undermine that reunification; 83
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(4) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the child into temporary custody existed prior to the parents' adoption of the child and whether the parents were informed of the problem prior to that adoption; 86
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(5) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the child into temporary custody began after the parents' adoption of the child; 90
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(6) Whether the parents have contributed to the child's problems; 93
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(7) Whether the parents are part of the solution to the child's problems. 95
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Sec. 2151.62. (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; 111

(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.

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(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.

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(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:

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(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~~

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(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.

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(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.

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(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

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certified foster home or for adoption. 174

(2) When a juvenile court grants temporary or permanent 175
custody of a child pursuant to any section of the Revised Code, 176
including section 2151.33, 2151.353, 2151.354, or 2151.355 of the 177
Revised Code, to a public children services agency or private 178
child placing agency, the court shall provide the agency the 179
information described in division (B) of this section, pay the 180
expenses of preparing that information, and, if a new examination 181
is required to be conducted, pay the expenses of conducting the 182
examination described in division (C) of this section. On receipt 183
of the information described in division (B) of this section, the 184
agency shall provide to the court written acknowledgment that the 185
agency received the information. The court shall keep the 186
acknowledgment and provide a copy to the agency. On the motion of 187
the agency, the court may terminate the order granting temporary 188
or permanent custody of the child to that agency, if the court 189
does not provide the information described in division (B) of this 190
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(3) If one of the following entities is placing a child in a 192
certified foster home or for adoption with the assistance of or by 193
contracting with a public children services agency, private child 194
placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency, the entity shall 195
provide the agency with the information described in division (B) 196
of this section, pay the expenses of preparing that information, 197
and, if a new examination is required to be conducted, pay the 198
expenses of conducting the examination described in division (C) 199
of this section: 200

(a) The department of youth services if the placement is 201
pursuant to any section of the Revised Code including section 202
2151.38, 5139.06, 5139.07, 5139.38, or 5139.39 of the Revised 203
Code; 204

(b) A juvenile court with temporary or permanent custody of a 205

child pursuant to section 2151.354 or 2151.355 of the Revised Code; 206
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(c) A public children services agency or private child placing agency with temporary or permanent custody of the child. 208
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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. 210
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(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. 223
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(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 233
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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 267

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
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(2) Notwithstanding section 2151.358 of the Revised Code, if
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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.

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(C)(1) The entity that places the child in a certified foster
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the child, ~~except that the~~ unless either of the following applies:

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(a) An entity is not required to conduct the examination if
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the child's placement, and division (C)(1)(b) of this section does
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(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.

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(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

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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 393

hours after the child is placed in the certified foster home. 394

(F) On receipt of the information described in divisions (B) 395
and (C) of this section, the foster caregiver or prospective 396
adoptive parents shall provide to the entity that places the child 397
in the foster caregiver's or prospective adoptive parents' home a 398
written acknowledgment that the foster caregiver or prospective 399
adoptive parents received the information. The entity shall keep 400
the acknowledgment and provide a copy to the foster caregiver or 401
prospective adoptive parents. 402

(G) No person employed by an entity subject to this section 403
and made responsible by that entity for the child's placement in a 404
certified foster home or for adoption shall fail to provide the 405
foster caregivers or prospective adoptive parents with the 406
information required by divisions (B) and (C) of this section. 407

(H) It is not a violation of any duty of confidentiality 408
provided for in the Revised Code or a code of professional 409
responsibility for a person or government entity to provide the 410
substantial and material conclusions and recommendations of a 411
psychiatric or psychological examination, or an examination to 412
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(B)(1)(d) or (C) of this section. 414

(I) As used in this section: 415

(1) "Body armor" has the same meaning as in section 2941.1411 416
of the Revised Code. 417

(2) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of 418
the Revised Code. 419

Sec. 3107.013. An agency arranging an adoption pursuant to an 420
application submitted to the agency under section 3107.012 of the 421
Revised Code for a foster caregiver seeking to adopt the foster 422
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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The assessor shall provide a copy of the written report of

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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

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

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

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

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

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were moved to section 2152.72 of the Revised Code by Am. Sub. S.B. 179, effective January 1, 2002, as part of its revision of the juvenile sentencing laws. Therefore, section 2152.72 of the Revised Code is amended by this act to continue, on and after January 1, 2002, the amendments this act is making to section 2151.62 of the Revised Code; section 2151.62 of the Revised Code as amended by this act is superseded on January 1, 2002, by the section as it results from its amendment and renumbering by Am. Sub. S.B. 179; and section 2152.72 of the Revised Code as amended by this act takes effect on January 1, 2002.

Section 8. (A) Section 2151.62 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. H.B. 448 and Am. Sub. S.B. 222 of the 123rd General 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 this act.

(B) Section 2152.72 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. H.B. 448, Am. Sub. S.B. 222, and Am. Sub. S.B. 179 of the 123rd General 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 this act.

(C) Section 2151.36 of the Revised Code is presented in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in

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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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