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A BILL

То	amend sections 109.572, 2151.86, 5103.02, 5103.03,	1
	5103.031, 5103.032, 5103.033, 5103.035, 5103.037,	2
	5103.038, 5103.039, 5103.0311, 5103.0316,	3
	5103.0317, 5120.65, and 5153.60 and to repeal	4
	section 5103.0310 of the Revised Code and to	5
	repeal Section 160 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the	6
	125th General Assembly to revise foster caregiver	7
	training requirements, add additional offenses to	8
	those that disqualify a person as a person	9
	responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care	10
	or prospective adoptive parent, permit the	11
	Department of Job and Family Services to seek	12
	injunctive relief in certain circumstances, and	13
	eliminate the duty of the Legislative Office of	14
	Education Oversight to review certain types of	15

Head Start agreements.

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

Section 1. That sections 109.572, 2151.86, 5103.02, 5103.03,	17
5103.031, 5103.032, 5103.033, 5103.035, 5103.037, 5103.038,	18
5103.039, 5103.0311, 5103.0316, 5103.0317, 5120.65, and 5153.60 of	19
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	20
Sec. 109.572. (A)(1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to	21
section 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 5104.012, 5104.013,	22
or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed	23
pursuant to division $(C)(1)$ of this section, and a set of	24
fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in	25
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau	26
of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a	27
criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of	28
this section to determine whether any information exists that	29
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request	30
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the	31
following:	32
(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03,	33
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34,	34
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05,	35
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23,	36
2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01,	37
2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25,	38
2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05,	39
2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual	40
penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised	41
Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it	42
existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of	43

the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section

2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996,

had the violation been committed prior to that date, or a

violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a

minor drug possession offense;

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- (b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, 49 any other state, or the United States that is substantially 50 equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(1)(a) of 51 this section.
- (2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 5123.081 of 53 the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in 54 any position with the department of mental retardation and 55 developmental disabilities, pursuant to section 5126.28 of the 56 Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in any 57 position with a county board of mental retardation and 58 developmental disabilities, or pursuant to section 5126.281 of the 59 Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in a 60 direct services position with an entity contracting with a county 61 board for employment, a completed form prescribed pursuant to 62 division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 63 impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of 64 this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 65 identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records 66 check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check 67 in the manner described in division (B) of this section to 68 determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 69 person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or 70 pleaded guilty to any of the following: 71
- (a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 72
 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 73
 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 74
 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.21, 75

2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322,	./6
2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22,	77
2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, or	78
3716.11 of the Revised Code;	79

- (b) An existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this 80 state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially 81 equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(2)(a) of 82 this section.
- (3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.41, 84 3712.09, 3721.121, or 3722.151 of the Revised Code, a completed 85 form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a 86 set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 87 division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau 88 of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a 89 criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied 90 for employment in a position that involves providing direct care 91 to an older adult. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal 92 records check in the manner described in division (B) of this 93 section to determine whether any information exists that indicates 94 that the person who is the subject of the request previously has 95 been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: 96
- (a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 97 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 98 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 99 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 100 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 101 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 102 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 103 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 104 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 105
 - (b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state,

(5) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 5111.95 or

5111.96 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for

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employment with a waiver agency participating in a department of	138
job and family services administered home and community-based	139
waiver program or an independent provider participating in a	140
department administered home and community-based waiver program in	141
a position that involves providing home and community-based waiver	142
services to consumers with disabilities, a completed form	143
prescribed pursuant to division $(C)(1)$ of this section, and a set	144
of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in	145
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau	146
of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a	147
criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the	148
criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of	149
this section to determine whether any information exists that	150
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request	151
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the	152
following:	153
(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03,	154
2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21,	155
2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02,	
2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09,	156
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2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321,	158
2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13,	159
2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40,	160
2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.12, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.36,	161
2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05,	162
2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the	163
Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former	164
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section	165
2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a	166
violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have	167
been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it	168
existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed	169

who is a teacher, in addition to the determination made under	201
division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent shall	202
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the	203
person who is the subject of the request previously has been	204
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense specified in section	205
3319.31 of the Revised Code.	206

- (8) When conducting a criminal records check on On a request 207 pursuant to section 2151.86 of the Revised Code for a person who 208 is a prospective foster caregiver or who is eighteen years old or 209 older and resides in the home of a prospective foster caregiver, 210 the superintendent, in addition to the determination made under 211 division (A)(1) of this section, shall, a completed form 212 prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set 213 of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 214 division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau 215 of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a 216 criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of 217 this section to determine whether any information exists that 218 indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 219 previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation 220 any of the following: 221
- (a) Section A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 222 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 223 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 224 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 225 <u>2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323,</u> 2909.02 226 or, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 227 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 228 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a 229 violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed 230 prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the 231 Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 232

5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or

5153.111 of the Revised Code as follows:

- (1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be reviewed 266 any relevant information gathered and compiled by the bureau under 267 division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code that relates to 268 the person who is the subject of the request, including any 269 relevant information contained in records that have been sealed 270 under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code; 271
- (2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for 272 information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 273 superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of 274 investigation any information it has with respect to the person 275 who is the subject of the request and shall review or cause to be 276 reviewed any information the superintendent receives from that 277 bureau; 278
- (3) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may
 request criminal history records from other states or the federal
 government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy
 compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code.

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- (C)(1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain 283 the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check from 284 any person for whom a criminal records check is required by 285 section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 286 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 287 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. The 288 form that the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division 289 may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both 290 tangible and electronic formats. 291
- (2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression 292 sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for 293 whom a criminal records check is required by section 173.41, 294 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 295

3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 296 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. Any person for whom a 297 records check is required by any of those sections shall obtain 298 the fingerprint impressions at a county sheriff's office, 299 municipal police department, or any other entity with the ability 300 to make fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheets 301 prescribed by the superintendent. The office, department, or 302 entity may charge the person a reasonable fee for making the 303 impressions. The standard impression sheets the superintendent 304 prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, 305 in an electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic 306 formats. 307

- (3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the 308 superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for 309 providing a criminal records check requested under section 173.41, 310 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 311 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 312 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. The person making a 313 criminal records request under section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 314 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 315 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, 316 or 5153.111 of the Revised Code shall pay the fee prescribed 317 pursuant to this division. A person making a request under section 318 3701.881 of the Revised Code for a criminal records check for an 319 applicant who may be both responsible for the care, custody, or 320 control of a child and involved in providing direct care to an 321 older adult shall pay one fee for the request. 322
- (4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 323 identification and investigation may prescribe methods of 324 forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to 325 conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, but 326 not be limited to, an electronic method. 327

(D) A determination whether any information exists that	328
indicates that a person previously has been convicted of or	329
pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division	330
(A)(1)(a) or (b) , $(A)(2)(a)$ or (b) , $(A)(3)(a)$ or (b) , $(A)(4)(a)$ or	331
(b), (A)(5)(a) or (b), (A)(6), (A)(7)(a) or (b), or (A)(8)(a) or	332
(b) of this section that is made by the superintendent with	333
respect to information considered in a criminal records check in	334
accordance with this section is valid for the person who is the	335
subject of the criminal records check for a period of one year	336
from the date upon which the superintendent makes the	337
determination. During the period in which the determination in	338
regard to a person is valid, if another request under this section	339
is made for a criminal records check for that person, the	340
superintendent shall provide the information that is the basis for	341
the superintendent's initial determination at a lower fee than the	342
fee prescribed for the initial criminal records check.	343
(E) As used in this section:	344
(1) "Criminal records check" means any criminal records check	345
conducted by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal	346
identification and investigation in accordance with division (B)	347
of this section.	348
(2) "Home and community-based waiver services" and "waiver	349
agency" have the same meanings as in section 5111.95 of the	350
Revised Code.	351
(3) "Independent provider" has the same meaning as in section	352
5111.96 of the Revised Code.	353
(4) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as	354
in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.	355
(5) "Older adult" means a person age sixty or older.	356

Sec. 2151.86. (A)(1) The appointing or hiring officer of any

entity that appoints or employs any person responsible for a	358
child's care in out-of-home care shall request the superintendent	359
of BCII to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any	360
person who is under final consideration for appointment or	361
employment as a person responsible for a child's care in	362
out-of-home care.	363

- (2) The administrative director of an agency, or attorney,
 who arranges an adoption for a prospective adoptive parent shall
 request the superintendent of BCII to conduct a criminal records
 check with respect to that prospective adoptive parent and all
 persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the
 prospective adoptive parent.

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- (3) Before a recommending agency submits a recommendation to 370 the department of job and family services on whether the 371 department should issue a certificate to a foster home under 372 section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, the administrative director 373 of the agency shall request that the superintendent of BCII 374 conduct a criminal records check with respect to the prospective 375 foster caregiver and all other persons eighteen years of age or 376 older who reside with the foster caregiver. 377
- (B) If a person subject to a criminal records check does not 378 present proof that the person has been a resident of this state 379 for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which 380 the criminal records check is requested or does not provide 381 evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent of 382 BCII has requested information about the person from the federal 383 bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the 384 appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney 385 shall request that the superintendent of BCII obtain information 386 from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal 387 records check. If the person subject to the criminal records check 388

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presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the officer, director, or attorney may request that the superintendent of BCII include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

An appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, or attorney required by division (A) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each person subject to a criminal records check a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the person, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of BCII at the time the criminal records check is requested.

Any person subject to a criminal records check who receives 404 pursuant to this division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant 405 to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a 406 copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) 407 of that section and who is requested to complete the form and 408 provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form 409 or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and 410 shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the 411 person's fingerprints. If a person subject to a criminal records 412 check, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to 413 complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's 414 fingerprints, the appointing or hiring officer shall not appoint 415 or employ the person as a person responsible for a child's care in 416 out-of-home care, a probate court may not issue a final decree of 417 adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption making the person 418 an adoptive parent, and the department of job and family services 419 shall not issue a certificate authorizing the prospective foster 420

caregiver to operate a foster home.	421
(C)(1) No appointing or hiring officer shall appoint or	422
employ a person as a person responsible for a child's care in	423
out-of-home care, the department of job and family services shall	424
not issue a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code	425
authorizing a prospective foster caregiver to operate a foster	426
home, and no probate court shall issue a final decree of adoption	427
or an interlocutory order of adoption making a person an adoptive	428
parent if the person or, in the case of a prospective foster	429
caregiver or prospective adoptive parent, any person eighteen	430
years of age or older who resides with the prospective foster	431
caregiver or prospective adoptive parent previously has been	432
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following, unless the	433
person meets rehabilitation standards established in rules adopted	434
under division (F) of this section:	435
(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03,	436
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34,	437
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05,	438
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23,	439
2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, <u>2909.02</u> ,	440
<u>2909.03,</u> 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22,	441
2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03,	442
2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a	443
violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed	444
prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the	445
Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04	446
of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the	447
violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of	448
section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug	449
possession offense, or felonious sexual penetration in violation	450
of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;	451

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state,

director, or attorney shall pay to the bureau of criminal

identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to

division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each

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criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section 484 upon a request pursuant to division (A) of this section. The 485 officer, director, or attorney may charge the person subject to 486 the criminal records check a fee for the costs the officer, 487 director, or attorney incurs in obtaining the criminal records 488 check. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the 489 amount of fees the officer, director, or attorney pays for the 490 criminal records check. If a fee is charged under this division, 491 the officer, director, or attorney shall notify the person who is 492 the applicant at the time of the person's initial application for 493 appointment or employment, an adoption to be arranged, or a 494 certificate to operate a foster home of the amount of the fee and 495 that, unless the fee is paid, the person who is the applicant will 496 not be considered for appointment or employment or as an adoptive 497 parent or foster caregiver. 498

- (E) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the 499 bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance 500 with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request 501 made under division (A) of this section is not a public record for 502 the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not 503 be made available to any person other than the person who is the 504 subject of the criminal records check or the person's 505 representative; the appointing or hiring officer, administrative 506 director, or attorney requesting the criminal records check or the 507 officer's, director's, or attorney's representative; the 508 department of job and family services or a county department of 509 job and family services; and any court, hearing officer, or other 510 necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of 511 employment, a final decree of adoption or interlocutory order of 512 adoption, or a foster home certificate. 513
- (F) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement

516 person who has been convicted of or pleaded quilty to an offense 517 listed in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section must meet for an 518 appointing or hiring officer to appoint or employ the person as a 519 person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home care, a 520 probate court to issue a final decree of adoption or interlocutory 521 order of adoption making the person an adoptive parent, or the 522 department to issue a certificate authorizing the prospective 523 foster caregiver to operate a foster home. 524

- (G) An appointing or hiring officer, administrative director, 525 or attorney required by division (A) of this section to request a 526 criminal records check shall inform each person who is the 527 applicant, at the time of the person's initial application for 528 appointment or employment, an adoption to be arranged, or a foster 529 home certificate, that the person subject to the criminal records 530 check is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's 531 fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be 532 conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 533 109.572 of the Revised Code. 534
- (H) The department of job and family services may waive the 535 requirement that a criminal records check based on fingerprints be 536 conducted for an adult resident of a prospective adoptive or 537 foster home or the home of a foster caregiver if the recommending 538 agency documents to the department's satisfaction that the adult 539 resident is physically unable to comply with the fingerprinting 540 requirement and poses no danger to foster children or adoptive 541 children who may be placed in the home. In such cases, the 542 recommending or approving agency shall request that the bureau of 543 criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal 544 records check using the person's name and social security number. 545

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- (I) As used in this section:
- (1) "Children's hospital" means any of the following:

(a) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the	548
Revised Code that provides general pediatric medical and surgical	549
care, and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual	550
inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were	551
individuals less than eighteen years of age;	552
(b) A distinct portion of a hospital registered under section	553
3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides general pediatric	554
medical and surgical care, has a total of at least one hundred	555
fifty registered pediatric special care and pediatric acute care	556
beds, and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual	557
inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were	558
individuals less than eighteen years of age;	559
(c) A distinct portion of a hospital, if the hospital is	560
registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as a	561
children's hospital and the children's hospital meets all the	562
requirements of division $\frac{(H)(I)}{(3)}(3)$ of this section.	563
(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in	564
section 109.572 of the Revised Code.	565
(3) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as	566
in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.	567
(4) "Person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home	568
care" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised	569
Code, except that it does not include a prospective employee of	570
the department of youth services or a person responsible for a	571
child's care in a hospital or medical clinic other than a	572
children's hospital.	573
(5) "Person subject to a criminal records check" means the	574
following:	575
(a) A person who is under final consideration for appointment	576

or employment as a person responsible for a child's care in

(3) The department may issue a temporary certificate valid

for less than one year authorizing an institution or association

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to operate until minimum requirements have been met.

(C) The department may revoke a certificate if it finds that 700 the institution or association is in violation of law or rule. No 701 juvenile court shall commit a child to an association or 702 institution that is required to be certified under this section if 703 its certificate has been revoked or, if after revocation, the date 704 of reissue is less than fifteen months prior to the proposed 705 commitment.

- (D) Every two years, on a date specified by the department, each institution or association desiring certification or recertification shall submit to the department a report showing its condition, management, competency to care adequately for the children who have been or may be committed to it or to whom it provides care or services, the system of visitation it employs for children placed in private homes, and other information the department requires.
- (E) The department shall, not less than once each year, send 715 a list of certified institutions and associations to each juvenile 716 court and certified association or institution. 717
- (F) No person shall receive children or receive or solicit
 money on behalf of such an institution or association not so
 certified or whose certificate has been revoked.
- (G) The director may delegate by rule any duties imposed on 721 it by this section to inspect and approve family foster homes and 722 specialized foster homes to public children services agencies, 723 private child placing agencies, or private noncustodial agencies. 724
- (H) If the director of job and family services determines 725 that an institution or association is operating a facility that 726 cares for children is operating without a certificate, the 727 director may petition the court of common pleas in the county in 728 which the facility institution or association is located for an 729

family foster home or specialized foster home for at least two

years;

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(C) Each recommending agency shall establish and implement a policy regarding good cause for a foster caregiver's failure to complete the continuing training in accordance with division (A) of this section. If the foster caregiver complies with the policy, as determined by the agency, the department may renew the foster caregiver's foster home certificate. The agency shall submit the policy to the department and provide a copy to each foster home the agency recommends for certification or renewal. The policy shall include the following:

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- (1) What constitutes good cause, including documented 809
 illness, critical emergencies, and lack of accessible training 810
 programs;
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- (2) Procedures for developing a scheduled corrective action 812 plan that provides for prompt completion of the continuing 813 training; 814
- (3) Procedures for recommending revocation of the foster home 815
 certificate if the foster caregiver fails to comply with the 816
 corrective action plan. 817
- (D) A foster caregiver shall be given an additional amount of 818 time within which the foster caregiver must complete the 819

developed and implemented under section 5103.035 of the Revised

Code.

(B) A foster caregiver to whom either division (B)(1) or (2)	850
of this section applies shall be given an additional amount of	851
time within which to complete the continuing training required	852
under division (A)(2) of this section in accordance with rules	853
adopted by the department of job and family services:	854
(1) The foster caregiver has served in active duty outside	855
this state with a branch of the armed forces of the United States	856
for more than thirty days in the preceding two-year period.	857
(2) The foster caregiver has served in active duty as a	858
member of the Ohio organized militia, as defined in section	859
5923.01 of the Revised Code, for more than thirty days in the	860
preceding two-year period and that active duty relates to either	861
an emergency in or outside of this state or to military duty in or	862
outside of this state.	863
Sec. 5103.035. A public children services agency, private	864
child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency acting as a	865
recommending agency for a foster caregiver holding a certificate	866
issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code shall develop and	867
implement a written needs assessment and continuing training plan	868
for the foster caregiver. Each needs assessment and continuing	869
training plan shall satisfy all of the following requirements:	870
(A) Be effective for the two-year period the foster	871
caregiver's certificate is in effect;	872
(B) Be appropriate for the type of foster home the foster	873
caregiver operates;	874
(C) Require the foster caregiver to successfully complete the	875
courses each continuing training program must provide as specified	876
training required by the department in rules adopted pursuant to	877
section 5103.0310 or 5103.0311 <u>5103.0316</u> of the Revised Code , as	878
appropriate, and any other courses the agency considers	879

Sec. 5103.038. (A) Every other year by a date specified in	911
rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, each	912
private child placing agency and private noncustodial agency that	913
seeks to operate a preplacement training program or continuing	914
training program under section 5103.034 of the Revised Code shall	915
submit to the department of job and family services a proposal	916
outlining the program. The proposal may be the same as, a	917
modification of, or different from, a model design developed under	918
section 5103.037 of the Revised Code.	919

- (B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a proposal 920 under division (A) of this section, the department shall either 921 approve or disapprove the proposed program. The department shall 922 approve a proposed preplacement training program if it complies 923 with section 5103.039 or 5103.0310 5103.0311 of the Revised Code, 924 as appropriate, and, in the case of a proposal submitted by an 925 agency operating a preplacement training program at the time the 926 proposal is submitted, the department is satisfied with the 927 agency's operation of the program. The department shall approve a 928 proposed continuing training program if it complies with rules 929 adopted pursuant to division (C) of section 5103.0310 or 5103.0311 930 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, and, in the case of 931 a proposal submitted by an agency operating a continuing training 932 program at the time the proposal is submitted, the department is 933 satisfied with the agency's operation of the program. If the 934 department disapproves a proposal, it shall provide the reason for 935 disapproval to the agency that submitted the proposal and advise 936 the agency of how to revise the proposal so that the department 937 can approve it. 938
- (C) The department's approval under division (B) of this 939 section of a proposed preplacement training program or continuing 940 training program is valid only for two years following the year 941

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(B) When the additional child or children are related to the

foster caregiver by blood or marriage;

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(C) When the additional child or children are foster children	1028
who previously resided in the foster home;	1029
(D) When the additional child or children are the children of	1030
a foster child who resides in the foster home.	1031
Sec. 5120.65. (A) The department of rehabilitation and	1032
correction may establish in one or more of the institutions for	1033
women operated by the department a prison nursery program under	1034
which eligible inmates and children born to them while in the	1035
custody of the department may reside together in the institution.	1036
If the department establishes a prison nursery program in one or	1037
more institutions under this section, sections 5120.651 to	1038
5120.657 of the Revised Code apply regarding the program. If the	1039
department establishes a prison nursery program and an inmate	1040
participates in the program, neither the inmate's participation in	1041
the program nor any provision of sections 5120.65 to $\frac{5120.658}{}$	1042
$\underline{5120.657}$ of the Revised Code affects, modifies, or interferes with	1043
the inmate's custodial rights of the child or establishes legal	1044
custody of the child with the department.	1045
(B) As used in sections 5120.651 to 5120.657 of the Revised	1046
Code:	1047
(1) "Prison nursery program" means the prison nursery program	1048
established by the department of rehabilitation and correction	1049
under this section, if one is so established.	1050
(2) "Public assistance" has the same meaning as in section	1051
5101.58 of the Revised Code.	1052
(3) "Support" means amounts to be paid under a support order.	1053
(4) "Support order" has the same meaning as in section	1054
3113.21 3119.01 of the Revised Code.	1055
Sec. 5153.60. (A) The department of job and family services	1056

shall establish a statewide program that provides all of the	1057
following:	1057
(1) The training section 5153.122 of the Revised Code	1059
requires public children services agency caseworkers and	1060
supervisors to complete;	1061
(2) The preplacement and continuing training described in	1062
sections 5103.034, 5103.039, 5103.0310, and 5103.0311 of the	1063
Revised Code that foster caregivers are required by sections	1064
5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.033 of the Revised Code to obtain;	1065
(3) The education programs for adoption assessors required by	1066
section 3107.014 of the Revised Code.	1067
(B) The program established pursuant to division (A) of this	1068
section shall be called the "Ohio child welfare training program."	1069
Section 2. That existing sections 109.572, 2151.86, 5103.02,	1070
5103.03, 5103.031, 5103.032, 5103.033, 5103.035, 5103.037,	1071
5103.038, 5103.039, 5103.0311, 5103.0316, 5103.0317, 5120.65, and	1072
5153.60 and section 5103.0310 of the Revised Code are hereby	1073
repealed.	1074
Section 3. That Section 160 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th	1075
General Assembly is hereby repealed.	1076
Section 4. Section 5103.02 of the Revised Code is presented	1077
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub.	1078
H.B. 332 and Sub. H.B. 448 of the 123rd General Assembly. The	1079
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	1080
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	1081
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds	1082
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in	1083
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in	1084
this act.	1085