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A BILL

То	amend sections 149.43, 2151.152, 2151.23, 2151.39,	1
	3313.64, 5101.29, 5103.031, 5103.032, 5103.035,	2
	5103.0312, 5103.0313, 5103.16, 5103.391, 5126.04,	3
	5153.122, and 5153.123 and to enact sections	4
	5103.23, 5103.231, 5103.232, 5103.233, 5103.234,	5
	5103.235, 5103.236, and 5103.237 of the Revised	6
	Code relative to training for foster caregivers,	7
	the public record status of identifying	8
	information of current and prospective foster	9
	caregivers, petitioning Congress for expanded	10
	usage of Title IV-E funding, the Interstate	11
	Compact on the Placement of Children, and the	12
	coordination of the provision of services for	13
	foster children with mental retardation or	14
	developmental disabilities	15

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

	Secti	ion 1	That	: secti	ions 1	149.43,	2151	.152	, 5101	.29,	5103.	031,	16
5103	.032,	5103	.035,	5103.0	0312,	5103.0	313,	5103	.391,	5126.	04,		17
5153.	.122.	and	5153.1	23 of	the F	Revised	l Code	be a	amende	d to	read	as	1.8

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follows:	19
Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section:	20
(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public office,	21
including, but not limited to, state, county, city, village,	22
township, and school district units, and records pertaining to the	23
delivery of educational services by an alternative school in this	24
state kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the	25
alternative school pursuant to section 3313.533 of the Revised	26
Code. "Public record" does not mean any of the following:	27
(a) Medical records;	28
(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings or	29
to proceedings related to the imposition of community control	30
sanctions and post-release control sanctions;	31
(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 and	32
division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to	33
appeals of actions arising under those sections;	34
(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including the	35
contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of	36
health under section 3705.12 of the Revised Code;	37
(e) Information in a record contained in the putative father	38
registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code,	39
regardless of whether the information is held by the department of	40
job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the	41
Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a	42
child support enforcement agency;	43
(f) Records listed in division (A) of section 3107.42 of the	44
Revised Code or specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of	45
the Revised Code;	46
(g) Trial preparation records;	47

members during meetings of, and all work products of a child

research was sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction

including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided

to a peace officer, parole officer, prosecuting attorney,

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the state highway patrol; it does not include the sheriff of a

sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise the authority of,

county or a supervisory employee who, in the absence of the

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(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining to	233
a person under the age of eighteen;	234
(d) Any additional information sought or required about a	235
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing that	236
person to participate in any recreational activity conducted or	237
sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain admission	238
privileges to any recreational facility owned or operated by a	239
public office.	240
(9) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in	241
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	242
(10) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as	243
in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.	244
(11) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any information	245
that is exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or	246
copying from an item that otherwise meets the definition of a	247
"record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.	248
(12) "Designee" and "elected official" have the same meanings	249
as in section 109.43 of the Revised Code.	250
(B)(1) Upon request and subject to division (B)(8) of this	251
section, all public records responsive to the request shall be	252
promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person	253
at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Subject to	254
division (B)(8) of this section, upon request, a public office or	255
person responsible for public records shall make copies of the	256
requested public record available at cost and within a reasonable	257
period of time. If a public record contains information that is	258
exempt from the duty to permit public inspection or to copy the	259
public record, the public office or the person responsible for the	260
public record shall make available all of the information within	261
the public record that is not exempt. When making that public	262
record available for public inspection or copying that public	263

record, the public office or the person responsible for the public 264 record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the 265 redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial of 266 a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except if 267 federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office to 268 make the redaction.

- (2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a public 270 office or the person responsible for public records shall organize 271 and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made 272 available for inspection or copying in accordance with division 273 (B) of this section. A public office also shall have available a 274 copy of its current records retention schedule at a location 275 readily available to the public. If a requester makes an ambiguous 276 or overly broad request or has difficulty in making a request for 277 copies or inspection of public records under this section such 278 that the public office or the person responsible for the requested 279 public record cannot reasonably identify what public records are 280 being requested, the public office or the person responsible for 281 the requested public record may deny the request but shall provide 282 the requester with an opportunity to revise the request by 283 informing the requester of the manner in which records are 284 maintained by the public office and accessed in the ordinary 285 course of the public office's or person's duties. 286
- (3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, 287 the public office or the person responsible for the requested 288 public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, 289 including legal authority, setting forth why the request was 290 denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the 291 explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. 292 The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person 293 responsible for the requested public record from relying upon 294 additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action 295

commenced under division (C) of this section.

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 297 federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, no 298 public office or person responsible for public records may limit 299 or condition the availability of public records by requiring 300 disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended use of the 301 requested public record. Any requirement that the requester 302 disclose the requestor's identity or the intended use of the 303 requested public record constitutes a denial of the request. 304

- (5) A public office or person responsible for public records 305 may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may ask for 306 the requester's identity, and may inquire about the intended use 307 of the information requested, but may do so only after disclosing 308 to the requester that a written request is not mandatory and that 309 the requester may decline to reveal the requester's identity or 310 the intended use and when a written request or disclosure of the 311 identity or intended use would benefit the requester by enhancing 312 the ability of the public office or person responsible for public 313 records to identify, locate, or deliver the public records sought 314 by the requester. 315
- (6) If any person chooses to obtain a copy of a public record 316 in accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office 317 or person responsible for the public record may require that 318 person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy 319 of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the 320 person seeking the copy under this division. The public office or 321 the person responsible for the public record shall permit that 322 person to choose to have the public record duplicated upon paper, 323 upon the same medium upon which the public office or person 324 responsible for the public record keeps it, or upon any other 325 medium upon which the public office or person responsible for the 326 public record determines that it reasonably can be duplicated as 327

an integral part of the normal operations of the public office or	328
person responsible for the public record. When the person seeking	329
the copy makes a choice under this division, the public office or	330
person responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of	331
it in accordance with the choice made by the person seeking the	332
copy. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person	333
responsible for the public record to allow the person seeking a	334
copy of the public record to make the copies of the public record.	335

(7) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) of 336 this section and subject to division (B)(6) of this section, a 337 public office or person responsible for public records shall 338 transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United States 339 mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission within a 340 reasonable period of time after receiving the request for the 341 copy. The public office or person responsible for the public 342 record may require the person making the request to pay in advance 343 the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by United States 344 mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is transmitted other than 345 by United States mail, and to pay in advance the costs incurred 346 for other supplies used in the mailing, delivery, or transmission. 347

Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it

will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time

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after receiving a request, copies of public records by United

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pursuant to this division. A public office that adopts a policy

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and procedures under this division shall comply with them in

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performing its duties under this division.

In any policy and procedures adopted under this division, a 355 public office may limit the number of records requested by a 356 person that the office will transmit by United States mail to ten 357 per month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing 358 that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested 359

records, or the information contained in them, for commercial 360 purposes. For purposes of this division, "commercial" shall be 361 narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering 362 news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen 363 oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of 364 government, or nonprofit educational research.

- (8) A public office or person responsible for public records 366 is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated pursuant to 367 a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to inspect or to 368 obtain a copy of any public record concerning a criminal 369 investigation or prosecution or concerning what would be a 370 criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the 371 investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request to 372 inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose of 373 acquiring information that is subject to release as a public 374 record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence 375 or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the 376 judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought in 377 the public record is necessary to support what appears to be a 378 justiciable claim of the person. 379
- (9) Upon written request made and signed by a journalist on 380 or after December 16, 1999, a public office, or person responsible 381 for public records, having custody of the records of the agency 382 employing a specified peace officer, parole officer, prosecuting 383 attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, 384 youth services employee, firefighter, or EMT shall disclose to the 385 journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the 386 peace officer, parole officer, prosecuting attorney, assistant 387 prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth services 388 employee, firefighter, or EMT and, if the peace officer's, parole 389 officer's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting 390 attorney's, correctional employee's, youth services employee's, 391

firefighter's, or EMT's spouse, former spouse, or child is 392 employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer 393 of the peace officer's, parole officer's, prosecuting attorney's, 394 assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, youth 395 services employee's, firefighter's, or EMT's spouse, former 396 spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name 397 and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer 398 and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be 399 in the public interest. 400

As used in this division, "journalist" means a person engaged 401 in, connected with, or employed by any news medium, including a 402 newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire 403 service, a radio or television station, or a similar medium, for 404 the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, 405 editing, or disseminating information for the general public. 406

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure of a 407 public office or the person responsible for public records to 408 promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to the 409 person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of this 410 section or by any other failure of a public office or the person 411 responsible for public records to comply with an obligation in 412 accordance with division (B) of this section, the person allegedly 413 aggrieved may commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that 414 orders the public office or the person responsible for the public 415 record to comply with division (B) of this section, that awards 416 court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person that 417 instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that includes 418 an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(1) of this 419 section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the court of 420 common pleas of the county in which division (B) of this section 421 allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme court pursuant to 422 its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of Article IV, Ohio 423

Constitution, or in the court of appeals for the appellate	424
district in which division (B) of this section allegedly was not	425
complied with pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section	426
3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.	427

If a requestor transmits a written request by hand delivery 428 or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any public 429 record in a manner that fairly describes the public record or 430 class of public records to the public office or person responsible 431 for the requested public records, except as otherwise provided in 432 this section, the requestor shall be entitled to recover the 433 amount of statutory damages set forth in this division if a court 434 determines that the public office or the person responsible for 435 public records failed to comply with an obligation in accordance 436 with division (B) of this section. 437

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one hundred 438 dollars for each business day during which the public office or 439 person responsible for the requested public records failed to 440 comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this 441 section, beginning with the day on which the requester files a 442 mandamus action to recover statutory damages, up to a maximum of 443 one thousand dollars. The award of statutory damages shall not be 444 construed as a penalty, but as compensation for injury arising 445 from lost use of the requested information. The existence of this 446 injury shall be conclusively presumed. The award of statutory 447 damages shall be in addition to all other remedies authorized by 448 this section. 449

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not 450 award statutory damages if the court determines both of the 451 following:

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law
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and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or
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threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for
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the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure	456
to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of	457
this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a	458
well-informed public office or person responsible for the	459
requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct	460
or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible	461
for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to	462
comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this	463
section;	464

- (b) That a well-informed public office or person responsible 465 for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 466 conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 467 responsible for the requested public records would serve the 468 public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as 469 permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 470
- (2)(a) If the court issues a writ of mandamus that orders the 471 public office or the person responsible for the public record to 472 comply with division (B) of this section and determines that the 473 circumstances described in division (C)(1) of this section exist, 474 the court shall determine and award to the relator all court 475 costs.
- (b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public 477 office or the person responsible for the public record to comply 478 with division (B) of this section, the court may award reasonable 479 attorney's fees subject to reduction as described in division 480 (C)(2)(c) of this section. The court shall award reasonable 481 attorney's fees, subject to reduction as described in division 482 (C)(2)(c) of this section when either of the following applies: 483
- (i) The public office or the person responsible for the 484 public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to 485 the public records request in accordance with the time allowed 486 under division (B) of this section.

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(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the 488 public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or 489 receive copies of the public records requested within a specified 490 period of time but failed to fulfill that promise within that 491 specified period of time. 492 (c) Court costs and reasonable attorney's fees awarded under 493 this section shall be construed as remedial and not punitive. 494 Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable fees incurred 495 to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount of the fees and 496 to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees. The court may 497 reduce an award of attorney's fees to the relator or not award 498 attorney's fees to the relator if the court determines both of the 499 following: 500 (i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law 501 and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 502 threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for 503 the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure 504 to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of 505 this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a 506 well-informed public office or person responsible for the 507 requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct 508 or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 509 for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to 510 comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this 511 section; 512 (ii) That a well-informed public office or person responsible 513 for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 514

conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person

responsible for the requested public records as described in

division (C)(2)(c)(i) of this section would serve the public

that conduct or threatened conduct.

policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting

- (D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the 520 provisions of this section. 521
- (E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are 522 appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under 523 division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their 524 appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the 525 attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised 526 Code. In addition, all public offices shall adopt a public records 527 policy in compliance with this section for responding to public 528 records requests. In adopting a public records policy under this 529 division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model 530 public records policy developed and provided to the public office 531 by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the Revised Code. 532 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the policy may not 533 limit the number of public records that the public office will 534 make available to a single person, may not limit the number of 535 public records that it will make available during a fixed period 536 of time, and may not establish a fixed period of time before it 537 will respond to a request for inspection or copying of public 538 records, unless that period is less than eight hours. 539
- (2) The public office shall distribute the public records 540 policy adopted by the public office under division (E)(1) of this 541 section to the employee of the public office who is the records 542 custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of the 543 records of that office. The public office shall require that 544 employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records 545 policy. The public office shall create a poster that describes its 546 public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous 547 place in the public office and in all locations where the public 548 office has branch offices. The public office may post its public 549 records policy on the internet web site of the public office if 550 the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office 551

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that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies 552 and procedures for all employees of the public office shall 553 include the public records policy of the public office in the 554 manual or handbook. 555

- (F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules pursuant 556 to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit the number 557 of bulk commercial special extraction requests made by a person 558 for the same records or for updated records during a calendar 559 year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for 560 bulk commercial special extraction requests for the actual cost of 561 the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus ten per cent. The 562 bureau may charge for expenses for redacting information, the 563 release of which is prohibited by law. 564
 - (2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:
- (a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies,
 records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative

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 delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct
 equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual costs
 paid to private contractors for copying services.

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- (b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a 571 request for copies of a record for information in a format other 572 than the format already available, or information that cannot be 573 extracted without examination of all items in a records series, 574 class of records, or data base by a person who intends to use or 575 forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale 576 for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction 577 request" does not include a request by a person who gives 578 assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does 579 not intend to use or forward the requested copies for surveys, 580 marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. 581
 - (c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, or

selling of any good, service, or other product.	583
(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time	584
spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task,	585
the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed by	586
the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer	587
programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction	588
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer or	589
records services.	590
(3) For purposes of divisions $(F)(1)$ and (2) of this section,	591
surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial	592
purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not include	593
reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to	594
assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or	595
activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.	596
Sec. 2151.152. The juvenile judge may enter into an agreement	597
with the department of job and family services pursuant to section	598
5101.11 of the Revised Code for the purpose of reimbursing the	599
court for foster care maintenance costs and associated	600
administrative and training costs incurred on behalf of a child	601
eligible who is either of the following:	602
(A) Eligible for payments under Title IV-E of the "Social	603
Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 <u>(1980)</u> , 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980) , and	604
who is in the temporary or permanent custody of the court or	605
subject to a disposition issued under division (A)(5) of section	606
2151.354 or division (A)(7)(a)(ii) or (A)(8) of section 2152.19 of	607
the Revised Code <u>;</u>	608
(B) Determined to be at serious risk of removal from the home	609
and for whom the court has undertaken a plan of reasonable efforts	610
to prevent such removal. The	611
The agreement shall govern the responsibilities and duties	612

the court shall perform in providing services to the child.	613
Sec. 5101.29. When contained in a record held by the	614
department of job and family services or a county agency, the	615
following are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of	616
the Revised Code:	617
(A) Names and other identifying information regarding	618
children enrolled in or attending a child day-care center or home	619
subject to licensure, certification, or registration under Chapter	620
5104. of the Revised Code;	621
(B) Names and other identifying information regarding	622
children placed with an institution or association certified under	623
section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;	624
(C) Names and other identifying information regarding a	625
person who makes an oral or written complaint regarding an	626
institution, association, child day-care center, or home subject	627
to licensure, certification, or registration to the department or	628
other state or county entity responsible for enforcing Chapter	629
5103. or 5104. of the Revised Code;	630
(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of	631
this section, names, documentation, and other identifying	632
information regarding a foster caregiver or a prospective foster	633
caregiver, including the foster caregiver application for	634
certification under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code and the	635
home study conducted pursuant to section 5103.0324 of the Revised	636
Code.	637
(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1) of this section, the	638
following are public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of	639
the Revised Code, when contained in a record held by the	640
department of job and family services, a county agency, or other	641
<pre>governmental entity:</pre>	642

(a) All of the following information regarding a currently	643
certified foster caregiver who has had a foster care certificate	644
revoked pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the Revised Code or, after	645
receiving a current or current renewed certificate has been	646
convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or indicted or otherwise charged	647
with any offense described in division (C)(1) of section 2151.86	648
of the Revised Code:	649
(i) The foster caregiver's name, date of birth, and county of	650
residence;	651
(ii) The date of the foster caregiver's certification;	652
(iii) The date of each placement of a foster child into the	653
<pre>foster caregiver's home;</pre>	654
(iv) If applicable, the date of the removal of a foster child	655
from the foster caregiver's home and the reason for the foster	656
child's removal unless release of such information would be	657
detrimental to the foster child or other children residing in the	658
<pre>foster caregiver's home;</pre>	659
(v) If applicable, the date of the foster care certificate	660
revocation and all documents related to the revocation unless	661
otherwise not a public record pursuant to section 149.43 of the	662
Revised Code.	663
(b) Nonidentifying foster care statistics including, but not	664
limited to, the number of foster caregivers and foster care	665
certificate revocations.	666
Sec. 5103.031. Except as provided in section 5103.033 of the	667
Revised Code, the department of job and family services may not	668
issue a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to a	669
foster home unless the prospective foster caregiver successfully	670
completes the following amount of preplacement training through a	671
preplacement training program approved by the department of job	672

and family services under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code or	673
preplacement training provided under division (B) of section	674
5103.30 of the Revised Code:	675
(A) If the foster home is a family foster home, at least	676
twenty-four thirty-six hours;	677
(B) If the foster home is a specialized foster home, at least	678
thirty-six hours.	679
Sec. 5103.032. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B), (C),	680
and (D), and (E) of this section and in section 5103.033 of the	681
Revised Code and subject to division (B) of this section, the	682
department of job and family services may not renew a foster home	683
certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code unless the	684
foster caregiver successfully completes the following amount of	685
continuing training in accordance with the foster caregiver's	686
needs assessment and continuing training plan developed and	687
implemented under section 5103.035 of the Revised Code:	688
(1) If the foster home is a family foster home, at least	689
forty hours in the preceding two-year period;	690
(2) If the foster home is a specialized foster home, at least	691
sixty hours in the preceding two-year period.	692
The continuing training required by this section shall comply	693
with rules the department adopts pursuant to section 5103.0316 of	694
the Revised Code.	695
(B) A foster caregiver may fulfill up to twenty per cent of	696
the required amount of continuing training described in division	697
(A) of this section by teaching one or more training classes for	698
other foster caregivers or by providing mentorship services to	699
other foster caregivers. The department of job and family services	700
shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	701
Code as necessary for the qualification of foster caregivers to	702

provide training or mentorship services to other foster	703
caregivers.	704
(C) At the beginning of a foster caregiver's two-year	705
certification period, a public children services agency, private	706
child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency acting as a	707
recommending agency for a foster caregiver holding a certificate	708
issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code for a family	709
foster home or specialized foster home may waive up to eight hours	710
of continuing training the foster caregiver is otherwise required	711
by division (A) of this section to complete in that two-year	712
certification period if all of the following apply:	713
(1) The foster caregiver has held a certificate issued under	714
section 5103.03 of the Revised Code for a family foster home or	715
specialized foster home for at least two years;	716
(2) The foster caregiver has provided foster care for at	717
least ninety days of the twelve months preceding the date the	718
agency issues the waiver;	719
(3) The foster caregiver has not violated any requirements	720
governing certification of foster homes during the twelve months	721
preceding the date the agency issues the waiver;	722
(4) The foster caregiver has complied in full with the needs	723
assessment and continuing training plan developed for the foster	724
caregiver under section 5103.035 of the Revised Code for the	725
preceding certification period.	726
$\frac{(C)}{(D)}$ Each recommending agency shall establish and implement	727
a policy regarding good cause for a foster caregiver's failure to	728
complete the continuing training in accordance with division (A)	729
of this section. If the foster caregiver complies with the policy,	730
as determined by the agency, the department may renew the foster	731
caregiver's foster home certificate. The agency shall submit the	732
policy to the department and provide a copy to each foster home	733

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<u>lump sum</u> for attending a preplacement or continuing training

Code <u>and shall reimburse the foster caregiver a stipend for</u>

program operated under section 5103.034 or 5103.30 of the Revised

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attending a continuing training program operated under section	794
5103.034 or 5103.30 of the Revised Code. The payment amount of the	795
lump sum reimbursement and the stipend rate shall be based on a	796
stipend rate established by the department of job and family	797
services. The stipend rate and shall be the same regardless of the	798
type of recommending agency from which the foster caregiver seeks	799
a recommendation. The department shall, pursuant to rules adopted	800
under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, reimburse the	801
recommending agency for stipend payments reimbursements it makes	802
in accordance with this section. No payment shall be made <u>The</u>	803
department shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised	804
Code regarding the release of lump sum stipends to an individual	805
for attending a preplacement training program if the individual	806
fails to obtain a foster home certificate under section 5103.03 of	807
the Revised Code.	808

Sec. 5103.0313. Except as provided in section 5103.303 of the 809 Revised Code, the department of job and family services shall 810 compensate a private child placing agency or private noncustodial 811 agency for the cost of procuring or operating preplacement and 812 continuing training programs approved by the department of job and 813 family services under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code for 814 prospective foster caregivers and foster caregivers who are 815 recommended for initial certification or recertification by the 816 817 agency.

The compensation shall be paid to the agency in the form of
an allowance to reimburse the agency for each hour the minimum
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required amount of preplacement and continuing training provided
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or received under section 5103.031 or 5103.032 of the Revised
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Code.
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sec. 5103.391. The director of job and family services shall
appoint all of the following to serve on the Ohio child welfare
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developmental disabilities who are being served or who have been

determined eligible for services and are awaiting the provision of	855
services. Each board shall ensure that methods of having their	856
service needs evaluated are available.	857
(B)(1) If a foster child is in need of assessment for	858
eligible services or is receiving services from a county board of	859
mental retardation and developmental disabilities and that child	860
is placed in a different county, the agency that placed the child,	861
immediately upon placement, shall inform the county board in the	862
new county all of the following:	863
(a) That a foster child has been placed in that county;	864
(b) The name and other identifying information of the foster	865
child;	866
(c) The name of the foster child's previous county of	867
<u>residence;</u>	868
(d) That the foster child was in need of assessment for	869
eligible services or was receiving services from the county board	870
of mental retardation and developmental disabilities in the	871
previous county.	872
(2) Upon receiving the notice described in division (B)(1) of	873
this section or otherwise learning that the child was in need of	874
assessment for eligible services or was receiving services from a	875
county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities	876
in the previous county, the county board in the new county shall	877
communicate with the county board of the previous county to	878
determine how services for the foster child shall be provided in	879
accordance with each board's plan and priorities as described in	880
division (A) of this section.	881
If the two county boards are unable to reach an agreement	882
within ten days of the child's placement, the county board in the	883
new county shall send notice to the Ohio department of mental	884
retardation and developmental disabilities of the failure to	885

agree. The department shall decide how services shall be provided	886
for the foster child within ten days of receiving notice that the	887
county boards could not reach an agreement. The department may	888
decide that one, or both, of the county boards shall provide	889
services. The services shall be provided in accordance with the	890
board's plan and priorities as described in division (A) of this	891
section.	892

(C) The department of mental retardation and developmental 893 disabilities may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of 894 the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section. To the 895 extent that rules adopted under this section apply to the 896 identification and placement of handicapped children under Chapter 897 3323. of the Revised Code, the rules shall be consistent with the 898 standards and procedures established under sections 3323.03 to 899 3323.05 of the Revised Code. 900

(C)(D) The responsibility or authority of a county board to 901 provide services under this chapter does not affect the 902 responsibility of any other entity of state or local government to 903 provide services to individuals with mental retardation and 904 developmental disabilities. 905

(D)(E) On or before the first day of February prior to a 906 school year, a county board of mental retardation and 907 developmental disabilities may elect not to participate during 908 that school year in the provision of or contracting for 909 educational services for children ages six through twenty-one 910 years of age, provided that on or before that date the board gives 911 notice of this election to the superintendent of public 912 instruction, each school district in the county, and the 913 educational service center serving the county. If a board makes 914 this election, it shall not have any responsibility for or 915 authority to provide educational services that school year for 916 children ages six through twenty-one years of age. If a board does 917

not make an election for a school year in accordance with this	918
division, the board shall be deemed to have elected to participate	919
during that school year in the provision of or contracting for	920
educational services for children ages six through twenty-one	921
years of age.	922

(E)(F) If a county board of mental retardation and 923 developmental disabilities elects to provide educational services 924 during a school year to individuals six through twenty-one years 925 of age who are multiply handicapped, the board may provide these 926 services to individuals who are appropriately identified and 927 determined eligible pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, 928 and in accordance with applicable rules of the state board of 929 education. The county board may also provide related services to 930 individuals six through twenty-one years of age who have one or 931 more disabling conditions, in accordance with section 3317.20 and 932 Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and applicable rules of the 933 state board of education. 934

Sec. 5153.122. Each PCSA caseworker hired after January 1, 935 2007, shall complete at least one hundred two hours of in-service 936 training during the first year of the caseworker's continuous 937 employment as a PCSA caseworker, except that the executive 938 director of the public children services agency may waive the 939 training requirement for a school of social work graduate who 940 participated in the university partnership program described in 941 division (D) of section 5101.141 of the Revised Code. The training 942 shall consist of courses in recognizing, accepting reports of, and 943 preventing child abuse, neglect, and dependency; assessing child 944 safety; assessing risks; interviewing persons; investigating 945 cases; intervening; providing services to children and their 946 families; the importance of and need for accurate data; 947 preparation for court; maintenance of case record information; and 948 other topics relevant to child abuse, neglect, and dependency. The 949

training shall also include courses in the legal duties of PCSA 950 caseworkers to protect the constitutional and statutory rights of 951 children and families from the initial time of contact during 952 investigation through treatment that shall include instruction 953 regarding parents' rights and the limitations that the Fourth 954 Amendment to the United States Constitution places upon 955 caseworkers and their investigations.

After a PCSA caseworker's first year of continuous employment 957 as a PCSA caseworker, the caseworker annually shall complete 958 thirty-six hours of training in areas relevant to the caseworker's 959 assigned duties.

During the first two years of continuous employment as a PCSA 961 caseworker, each PCSA caseworker shall complete at least twelve 962 hours of training in recognizing the signs of domestic violence 963 and its relationship to child abuse as established in rules the 964 director of job and family services shall adopt pursuant to 965 Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The twelve hours may be in 966 addition to the ninety hours of training required during the 967 caseworker's first year of employment or part of the thirty six 968 hours of training required during the second year of employment. 969

Sec. 5153.123. Each PCSA caseworker supervisor shall complete 970 at least sixty hours of in-service training during the first year 971 of the supervisor's continuous employment as a PCSA caseworker 972 supervisor. The training shall include courses in screening 973 reports of child abuse, neglect, or dependency. After a PCSA 974 caseworker supervisor's first year of continuous employment as a 975 PCSA caseworker supervisor, the supervisor annually shall complete 976 thirty hours of training in areas relevant to the supervisor's 977 assigned duties. During the first two years of continuous 978 employment as a PCSA caseworker supervisor, each PCSA caseworker 979 supervisor shall complete at least twelve hours of training in 980

recognizing the signs of domestic violence and its relationship to	981
child abuse as established in rules the director of job and family	982
services shall adopt pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	983
The twelve hours may be in addition to the sixty hours of training	984
required during the supervisor's first year of employment or part	985
of the thirty hours of training required during the second year of	986
employment.	987

section 2. That existing sections 149.43, 2151.152, 5101.29, 988
5103.031, 5103.032, 5103.035, 5103.0312, 5103.0313, 5103.391, 989
5126.04, 5153.122, and 5153.123 of the Revised Code are hereby 990
repealed. 991

Section 3. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services may 992 seek federal approval through the United States Department of 993 Health and Human Services to include within funding under Title 994 IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 995 670, an additional category of foster care certification, and 996 simplified standards for that certification, for placements in 997 which the child has an existing relationship with the foster 998 caregiver. 999

Section 4. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 1000 shall partner with the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and 1001 Developmental Disabilities to offer joint cross system briefings 1002 to better educate the professionals of both systems for more 1003 effective service delivery for dually involved children and 1004 families. The joint cross system briefings shall be conducted 1005 regularly for one year after the effective date of this act and 1006 shall serve as a platform for conducting forums and developing 1007 training curriculums for foster caregivers that care for mentally 1008 retarded and developmentally disabled children. 1009

Section 5. That sections 2151.23, 2151.39, 3313.64, and	1010
5103.16 be amended and sections 5103.23, 5103.231, 5103.232,	1011
5103.233, 5103.234, 5103.235, 5103.236, and 5103.237 of the	1012
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	1013
Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive original	1014
jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows:	1015
(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date specified	1016
in the complaint, indictment, or information is alleged to have	1017
violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or an order issued	1018
under that section or to be a juvenile traffic offender or a	1019
delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent child and,	1020
based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the	1021
child, concerning the parent, guardian, or other person having	1022
care of a child who is alleged to be an unruly or delinquent child	1023
for being an habitual or chronic truant;	1024
(2) Subject to divisions (G) and (V) of section 2301.03 of	1025
the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any child not a ward	1026
of another court of this state;	1027
(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of	1028
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child;	1029
(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the probate	1030
division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. of the	1031
Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe that a	1032
child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a mentally	1033
ill person subject to hospitalization by court order, as defined	1034
in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;	1035
(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults	1036
with the violation of any section of this chapter;	1037
(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an	1038

adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section

the Revised Code;

2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222,	1040
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised	1041
Code, provided the charge is not included in an indictment that	1042
also charges the alleged adult offender with the commission of a	1043
felony arising out of the same actions that are the basis of the	1044
alleged violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division	1045
(B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of	1046
section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code;	1047
(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section	1048
2151.56 of the Revised Code;	1049
(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody	1050
pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being	1051
notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the	1052
reasons for taking the child into custody;	1053
(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of	1054
temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of	1055
permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section	1056
5103.15 of the Revised Code;	1057
(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry	1058
pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;	1059
(11) Subject to divisions (G) and (V) of section 2301.03 of	1060
the Revised Code, to hear and determine a request for an order for	1061
the support of any child if the request is not ancillary to an	1062
action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal	1063
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of	1064
domestic violence, or an action for support brought under Chapter	1065
3115. of the Revised Code;	1066
(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 of	1067
the Revised Code;	1068
(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 of	1069

3111.28 of the Revised Code;

(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the parent,	1071
guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged to be a	1072
delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender,	1073
based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the	1074
child;	1075
(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the determinations,	1076
adjudications, and orders authorized or required under sections	1077
2152.82 to 2152.85 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code regarding	1078
a child who has been adjudicated a delinquent child and to refer	1079
the duties conferred upon the juvenile court judge under sections	1080
2152.82 to 2152.85 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to	1081
magistrates appointed by the juvenile court judge in accordance	1082
with Juvenile Rule 40.	1083
(B) Except as provided in divisions (G) and (I) of section	1084
2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has original	1085
jurisdiction under the Revised Code:	1086
(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors charging	1087
adults with any act or omission with respect to any child, which	1088
act or omission is a violation of any state law or any municipal	1089
ordinance;	1090
(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to have	1091
been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18	1092
of the Revised Code;	1093
(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in	1094
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;	1095
(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for the	1096
support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court	1097
of this state;	1098
(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section	1099

(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section	1101
3119.961 of the Revised Code;	1102
(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the Revised	1103
Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under sections	1104
3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code.	1105
(8) To enforce an order for the return of a child made under	1106
the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child	1107
Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code;	1108
(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws of	1109
this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a	1110
court of another state and registered in accordance with section	1111
3127.35 of the Revised Code.	1112
(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that are	1113
a separate division of the court of common pleas or a separate and	1114
independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to hear, determine,	1115
and make a record of any action for divorce or legal separation	1116
that involves the custody or care of children and that is filed in	1117
the court of common pleas and certified by the court of common	1118
pleas with all the papers filed in the action to the juvenile	1119
court for trial, provided that no certification of that nature	1120
shall be made to any juvenile court unless the consent of the	1121
juvenile judge first is obtained. After a certification of that	1122
nature is made and consent is obtained, the juvenile court shall	1123
proceed as if the action originally had been begun in that court,	1124
except as to awards for spousal support or support due and unpaid	1125
at the time of certification, over which the juvenile court has no	1126
jurisdiction.	1127
(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in divisions (G)	1128
and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction	1129
to hear and determine all matters as to custody and support of	1130

children duly certified by the court of common pleas to the

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juvenile court after a divorce decree has been granted, including	1132
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of	1133
common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of	1134
children.	1135
(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in divisions (G)	1136
and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction	1137
to hear and determine the case of any child certified to the court	1138
by any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within	1139
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this section.	1140
(F)(1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in	1141
child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04, and	1142
3127.01 to 3127.53- of the Revised Code and, as applicable,	1143
<u>sections</u> 5103.20 to 5103.22 <u>or 5103.23 to 5103.237</u> of the Revised	1144
Code.	1145
(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in	1146
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the	1147
Revised Code.	1148
(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for	1149
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and	1150
3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay child	1151
support under an order made by a juvenile court on or after April	1152
15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, is found in	1153
contempt of court for failure to make support payments under the	1154
order, the court that makes the finding, in addition to any other	1155
penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess all court costs arising	1156
out of the contempt proceeding against the person and require the	1157
person to pay any reasonable attorney's fees of any adverse party,	1158
as determined by the court, that arose in relation to the act of	1159
contempt.	1160

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an

offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or

older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged	1163
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution	1164
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, the juvenile	1165
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case	1166
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is	1167
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section has	1168
jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and determine the	1169
case in the same manner as if the case originally had been	1170
commenced in that court, including, but not limited to,	1171
jurisdiction to accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized	1172
by Criminal Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and	1173
jurisdiction to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of	1174
conviction pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the	1175
child for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the	1176
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the	1177
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the	1178
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included offense,	1179
or for the commission of another offense that is different from	1180
the offense charged.	1181

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly commits 1182 an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult and if the 1183 person is not taken into custody or apprehended for that act until 1184 after the person attains twenty-one years of age, the juvenile 1185 court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine any portion 1186 of the case charging the person with committing that act. In those 1187 circumstances, divisions (A) and (B) of section 2152.12 of the 1188 Revised Code do not apply regarding the act, and the case charging 1189 the person with committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution 1190 commenced and heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction 1191 of the offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or 1192 older when the person committed the act. All proceedings 1193 pertaining to the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the 1194 court having jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all 1195

the	auth	ority	and	duties	in	the	case	that	it	has	in	other	criminal	1196
case	es in	that	cou	rt.										1197

Sec. 2151.39. No person, association or agency, public or 1198 private, of another state, incorporated or otherwise, shall place 1199 a child in a family home or with an agency or institution within 1200 the boundaries of this state, either for temporary or permanent 1201 care or custody or for adoption, unless such person or association 1202 has furnished the department of job and family services with a 1203 medical and social history of the child, pertinent information 1204 about the family, agency, association, or institution in this 1205 state with whom the sending party desires to place the child, and 1206 any other information or financial guaranty required by the 1207 department to determine whether the proposed placement will meet 1208 the needs of the child. The department may require the party 1209 desiring the placement to agree to promptly receive and remove 1210 from the state a child brought into the state whose placement has 1211 not proven satisfactorily responsive to the needs of the child at 1212 any time until the child is adopted, reaches majority, becomes 1213 self-supporting or is discharged with the concurrence of the 1214 department. All placements proposed to be made in this state by a 1215 party located in a state which is a party to the interstate 1216 compact on for the placement of children shall be made according 1217 to the provisions of sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 of the Revised 1218 Code, or, if the interstate compact on the placement of children 1219 is in effect in this state, all placements proposed to be made in 1220 this state by a party located in a state that is a party to that 1221 compact shall be made according to the provisions of sections 1222 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the Revised Code. 1223

Sec. 3313.64. (A) As used in this section and in section 1224
3313.65 of the Revised Code: 1225

(1)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) of this

section, "parent" means either parent, unless the parents are	1227
separated or divorced or their marriage has been dissolved or	1228
annulled, in which case "parent" means the parent who is the	1229
residential parent and legal custodian of the child. When a child	1230
is in the legal custody of a government agency or a person other	1231
than the child's natural or adoptive parent, "parent" means the	1232
parent with residual parental rights, privileges, and	1233
responsibilities. When a child is in the permanent custody of a	1234
government agency or a person other than the child's natural or	1235
adoptive parent, "parent" means the parent who was divested of	1236
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and	1237
the right to have the child live with the parent and be the legal	1238
custodian of the child and all residual parental rights,	1239
privileges, and responsibilities.	1240

- (b) When a child is the subject of a power of attorney

 executed under sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code,

 "parent" means the grandparent designated as attorney in fact

 under the power of attorney. When a child is the subject of a

 caretaker authorization affidavit executed under sections 3109.64

 to 3109.73 of the Revised Code, "parent" means the grandparent

 that executed the affidavit.
- (2) "Legal custody," "permanent custody," and "residual 1248 parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities" have the same 1249 meanings as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code. 1250
- (3) "School district" or "district" means a city, local, or
 exempted village school district and excludes any school operated
 in an institution maintained by the department of youth services.
- (4) Except as used in division (C)(2) of this section, "home" 1254
 means a home, institution, foster home, group home, or other 1255
 residential facility in this state that receives and cares for 1256
 children, to which any of the following applies: 1257

(b) The child's natural parent places the child pursuant to

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section 5103.16 of the Revised Code with a person who will care	1288
for and adopt the child.	1289
(7) "Handicapped preschool child" means a handicapped child,	1290
as defined by division (A) of section 3323.01 of the Revised Code,	1291
who is at least three years of age but is not of compulsory school	1292
age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, and who is	1293
not currently enrolled in kindergarten.	1294
(8) "Child," unless otherwise indicated, includes handicapped	1295
preschool children.	1296
(9) "Active duty" means active duty pursuant to an executive	1297
order of the president of the United States, an act of the	1298
congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of	1299
the Revised Code.	1300
(B) Except as otherwise provided in section 3321.01 of the	1301
Revised Code for admittance to kindergarten and first grade, a	1302
child who is at least five but under twenty-two years of age and	1303
any handicapped preschool child shall be admitted to school as	1304
provided in this division.	1305
(1) A child shall be admitted to the schools of the school	1306
district in which the child's parent resides.	1307
(2) A child who does not reside in the district where the	1308
child's parent resides shall be admitted to the schools of the	1309
district in which the child resides if any of the following	1310
applies:	1311
(a) The child is in the legal or permanent custody of a	1312
government agency or a person other than the child's natural or	1313
adoptive parent.	1314
(b) The child resides in a home.	1315
(c) The child requires special education.	1316
(3) A child who is not entitled under division (B)(2) of this	1317

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section to be admitted to the schools of the district where the	1318
child resides and who is residing with a resident of this state	1319
with whom the child has been placed for adoption shall be admitted	1320
to the schools of the district where the child resides unless	1321
either of the following applies:	1322
(a) The placement for adoption has been terminated.	1323
(b) Another school district is required to admit the child	1324
under division (B)(1) of this section.	1325
Division (B) of this section does not prohibit the board of	1326
education of a school district from placing a handicapped child	1327
who resides in the district in a special education program outside	1328
of the district or its schools in compliance with Chapter 3323. of	1329
the Revised Code.	1330
(C) A district shall not charge tuition for children admitted	1331
under division (B)(1) or (3) of this section. If the district	1332
admits a child under division (B)(2) of this section, tuition	1333
shall be paid to the district that admits the child as follows:	1334
(1) If the child receives special education in accordance	1335
with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the school district of	1336
residence, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code,	1337
shall pay tuition for the child in accordance with section	1338
3323.091, 3323.13, 3323.14, or 3323.141 of the Revised Code	1339
regardless of who has custody of the child or whether the child	1340
resides in a home.	1341
(2) For a child that does not receive special education in	1342
accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, except as	1343
otherwise provided in division (C)(2)(d) of this section, if the	1344
child is in the permanent or legal custody of a government agency	1345
or person other than the child's parent, tuition shall be paid by:	1346

(a) The district in which the child's parent resided at the

time the court removed the child from home or at the time the

court vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the person	1349
or government agency, whichever occurred first;	1350
(b) If the parent's residence at the time the court removed	1351
the child from home or placed the child in the legal or permanent	1352
custody of the person or government agency is unknown, tuition	1353
shall be paid by the district in which the child resided at the	1354
time the child was removed from home or placed in legal or	1355
permanent custody, whichever occurred first;	1356
(c) If a school district cannot be established under division	1357
(C)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, tuition shall be paid by the	1358
district determined as required by section 2151.362 of the Revised	1359
Code by the court at the time it vests custody of the child in the	1360
person or government agency;	1361
(d) If at the time the court removed the child from home or	1362
vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the person or	1363
government agency, whichever occurred first, one parent was in a	1364
residential or correctional facility or a juvenile residential	1365
placement and the other parent, if living and not in such a	1366
facility or placement, was not known to reside in this state,	1367
tuition shall be paid by the district determined under division	1368
(D) of section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as the district	1369
required to pay any tuition while the parent was in such facility	1370
or placement;	1371
(e) If the court has modified its order as to which district	1372
is responsible to bear the cost of educating the child pursuant to	1373
division (A)(2) of section 2151.362 of the Revised Code, the	1374
district determined to be responsible for that cost in the order	1375
so modified.	1376
(3) If the child is not in the permanent or legal custody of	1377
a government agency or person other than the child's parent and	1378

the child resides in a home, tuition shall be paid by one of the

following:	1380
(a) The school district in which the child's parent resides;	1381
(b) If the child's parent is not a resident of this state,	1382
the home in which the child resides.	1383
(D) Tuition required to be paid under divisions (C)(2) and	1384
(3)(a) of this section shall be computed in accordance with	1385
section 3317.08 of the Revised Code. Tuition required to be paid	1386
under division (C)(3)(b) of this section shall be computed in	1387
accordance with section 3317.081 of the Revised Code. If a home	1388
fails to pay the tuition required by division (C)(3)(b) of this	1389
section, the board of education providing the education may	1390
recover in a civil action the tuition and the expenses incurred in	1391
prosecuting the action, including court costs and reasonable	1392
attorney's fees. If the prosecuting attorney or city director of	1393
law represents the board in such action, costs and reasonable	1394
attorney's fees awarded by the court, based upon the prosecuting	1395
attorney's, director's, or one of their designee's time spent	1396
preparing and presenting the case, shall be deposited in the	1397
county or city general fund.	1398
(E) A board of education may enroll a child free of any	1399
tuition obligation for a period not to exceed sixty days, on the	1400
sworn statement of an adult resident of the district that the	1401
resident has initiated legal proceedings for custody of the child.	1402
(F) In the case of any individual entitled to attend school	1403
under this division, no tuition shall be charged by the school	1404
district of attendance and no other school district shall be	1405
required to pay tuition for the individual's attendance.	1406
Notwithstanding division (B), (C), or (E) of this section:	1407
(1) All persons at least eighteen but under twenty-two years	1408
of age who live apart from their parents, support themselves by	1409
their own labor, and have not successfully completed the high	1410

school curriculum or the individualized education program	1411
developed for the person by the high school pursuant to section	1412
3323.08 of the Revised Code, are entitled to attend school in the	1413
district in which they reside.	1414
(2) Any child under eighteen years of age who is married is	1415
entitled to attend school in the child's district of residence.	1416
(3) A child is entitled to attend school in the district in	1417
which either of the child's parents is employed if the child has a	1418
medical condition that may require emergency medical attention.	1419
The parent of a child entitled to attend school under division	1420
(F)(3) of this section shall submit to the board of education of	1421
the district in which the parent is employed a statement from the	1422
child's physician certifying that the child's medical condition	1423
may require emergency medical attention. The statement shall be	1424
supported by such other evidence as the board may require.	1425
(4) Any child residing with a person other than the child's	1426
parent is entitled, for a period not to exceed twelve months, to	1427
attend school in the district in which that person resides if the	1428
child's parent files an affidavit with the superintendent of the	1429
district in which the person with whom the child is living resides	1430
stating all of the following:	1431
(a) That the parent is serving outside of the state in the	1432
armed services of the United States;	1433
(b) That the parent intends to reside in the district upon	1434
returning to this state;	1435
(c) The name and address of the person with whom the child is	1436
living while the parent is outside the state.	1437
(5) Any child under the age of twenty-two years who, after	1438
the death of a parent, resides in a school district other than the	1439
district in which the child attended school at the time of the	1440

parent's death is entitled to continue to attend school in the

district in which the child attended school at the time of the	1442
parent's death for the remainder of the school year, subject to	1443
approval of that district board.	1444
(6) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides	1445
with a parent who is having a new house built in a school district	1446
outside the district where the parent is residing is entitled to	1447
attend school for a period of time in the district where the new	1448
house is being built. In order to be entitled to such attendance,	1449
the parent shall provide the district superintendent with the	1450
following:	1451
(a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing the	1452
location of the house being built, and stating the parent's	1453
intention to reside there upon its completion;	1454
(b) A statement from the builder confirming that a new house	1455
is being built for the parent and that the house is at the	1456
location indicated in the parent's statement.	1457
(7) A child under the age of twenty-two years residing with a	1458
parent who has a contract to purchase a house in a school district	1459
outside the district where the parent is residing and who is	1460
waiting upon the date of closing of the mortgage loan for the	1461
purchase of such house is entitled to attend school for a period	1462
of time in the district where the house is being purchased. In	1463
order to be entitled to such attendance, the parent shall provide	1464
the district superintendent with the following:	1465
(a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing the	1466
location of the house being purchased, and stating the parent's	1467
intent to reside there;	1468
(b) A statement from a real estate broker or bank officer	1469
confirming that the parent has a contract to purchase the house,	1470

that the parent is waiting upon the date of closing of the

mortgage loan, and that the house is at the location indicated in 1472

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the parent's statement.

The district superintendent shall establish a period of time 1474 not to exceed ninety days during which the child entitled to 1475 attend school under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section may 1476 attend without tuition obligation. A student attending a school 1477 under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section shall be eligible to 1478 participate in interscholastic athletics under the auspices of 1479 that school, provided the board of education of the school 1480 district where the student's parent resides, by a formal action, 1481 releases the student to participate in interscholastic athletics 1482 at the school where the student is attending, and provided the 1483 student receives any authorization required by a public agency or 1484 private organization of which the school district is a member 1485 exercising authority over interscholastic sports. 1486

- (8) A child whose parent is a full-time employee of a city, 1487 local, or exempted village school district, or of an educational 1488 service center, may be admitted to the schools of the district 1489 where the child's parent is employed, or in the case of a child 1490 whose parent is employed by an educational service center, in the 1491 district that serves the location where the parent's job is 1492 primarily located, provided the district board of education 1493 establishes such an admission policy by resolution adopted by a 1494 majority of its members. Any such policy shall take effect on the 1495 first day of the school year and the effective date of any 1496 amendment or repeal may not be prior to the first day of the 1497 subsequent school year. The policy shall be uniformly applied to 1498 all such children and shall provide for the admission of any such 1499 child upon request of the parent. No child may be admitted under 1500 this policy after the first day of classes of any school year. 1501
- (9) A child who is with the child's parent under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.33 of the Revised Code, is entitled to attend school free in

the district in which the child is with the child's parent, and no 1505 other school district shall be required to pay tuition for the 1506 child's attendance in that school district. 1507

The enrollment of a child in a school district under this 1508 division shall not be denied due to a delay in the school 1509 district's receipt of any records required under section 3313.672 1510 of the Revised Code or any other records required for enrollment. 1511 Any days of attendance and any credits earned by a child while 1512 enrolled in a school district under this division shall be 1513 transferred to and accepted by any school district in which the 1514 child subsequently enrolls. The state board of education shall 1515 adopt rules to ensure compliance with this division. 1516

- (10) Any child under the age of twenty-two years whose parent 1517 has moved out of the school district after the commencement of 1518 classes in the child's senior year of high school is entitled, 1519 subject to the approval of that district board, to attend school 1520 in the district in which the child attended school at the time of 1521 the parental move for the remainder of the school year and for one 1522 additional semester or equivalent term. A district board may also 1523 adopt a policy specifying extenuating circumstances under which a 1524 student may continue to attend school under division (F)(10) of 1525 this section for an additional period of time in order to 1526 successfully complete the high school curriculum for the 1527 individualized education program developed for the student by the 1528 high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code. 1529
- (11) As used in this division, "grandparent" means a parent 1530 of a parent of a child. A child under the age of twenty-two years 1531 who is in the custody of the child's parent, resides with a 1532 grandparent, and does not require special education is entitled to 1533 attend the schools of the district in which the child's 1534 grandparent resides, provided that, prior to such attendance in 1535 any school year, the board of education of the school district in 1536

which the child's grandparent resides and the board of education	1537
of the school district in which the child's parent resides enter	1538
into a written agreement specifying that good cause exists for	1539
such attendance, describing the nature of this good cause, and	1540
consenting to such attendance.	1541

In lieu of a consent form signed by a parent, a board of 1542 education may request the grandparent of a child attending school 1543 in the district in which the grandparent resides pursuant to 1544 division (F)(11) of this section to complete any consent form 1545 required by the district, including any authorization required by 1546 sections 3313.712, 3313.713, 3313.716, and 3313.718 of the Revised 1547 Code. Upon request, the grandparent shall complete any consent 1548 form required by the district. A school district shall not incur 1549 any liability solely because of its receipt of a consent form from 1550 a grandparent in lieu of a parent. 1551

Division (F)(11) of this section does not create, and shall 1552 not be construed as creating, a new cause of action or substantive 1553 legal right against a school district, a member of a board of 1554 education, or an employee of a school district. This section does 1555 not affect, and shall not be construed as affecting, any 1556 immunities from defenses to tort liability created or recognized 1557 by Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code for a school district, 1558 member, or employee. 1559

- (12) A child under the age of twenty-two years is entitled to 1560 attend school in a school district other than the district in 1561 which the child is entitled to attend school under division (B), 1562 (C), or (E) of this section provided that, prior to such 1563 attendance in any school year, both of the following occur: 1564
- (a) The superintendent of the district in which the child is
 entitled to attend school under division (B), (C), or (E) of this
 section contacts the superintendent of another district for
 purposes of this division;

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(b) The superintendents of both districts enter into a	1569
written agreement that consents to the attendance and specifies	1570
that the purpose of such attendance is to protect the student's	1571
physical or mental well-being or to deal with other extenuating	1572
circumstances deemed appropriate by the superintendents.	1573
While an agreement is in effect under this division for a	1574
student who is not receiving special education under Chapter 3323.	1575
of the Revised Code and notwithstanding Chapter 3327. of the	1576
Revised Code, the board of education of neither school district	1577

A student attending a school of a district pursuant to this

division shall be allowed to participate in all student

activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school

where the student is attending on the same basis as any student

the schools of that district while of

compulsory school age.

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involved in the agreement is required to provide transportation

for the student to and from the school where the student attends.

(13) All school districts shall comply with the

"McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 11431 et

seq., for the education of homeless children. Each city, local,

and exempted village school district shall comply with the

requirements of that act governing the provision of a free,

appropriate public education, including public preschool, to each

homeless child.

When a child loses permanent housing and becomes a homeless 1593 person, as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 11481(5), or when a child who is 1594 such a homeless person changes temporary living arrangements, the 1595 child's parent or guardian shall have the option of enrolling the 1596 child in either of the following:

(a) The child's school of origin, as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 1598 11432(g)(3)(C);

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(b) The school that is operated by the school district in	1600
which the shelter where the child currently resides is located and	1601
that serves the geographic area in which the shelter is located.	1602
(14) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides	1603
with a person other than the child's parent is entitled to attend	1604
school in the school district in which that person resides if both	1605
of the following apply:	1606
(a) That person has been appointed, through a military power	1607
of attorney executed under section 574(a) of the "National Defense	1608
Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, "107 Stat. 1674 (1993), 10	1609
U.S.C. 1044b, or through a comparable document necessary to	1610
complete a family care plan, as the parent's agent for the care,	1611
custody, and control of the child while the parent is on active	1612
duty as a member of the national guard or a reserve unit of the	1613
armed forces of the United States or because the parent is a	1614
member of the armed forces of the United States and is on a duty	1615
assignment away from the parent's residence.	1616
(b) The military power of attorney or comparable document	1617
includes at least the authority to enroll the child in school.	1618
The entitlement to attend school in the district in which the	1619
parent's agent under the military power of attorney or comparable	1620
document resides applies until the end of the school year in which	1621
the military power of attorney or comparable document expires.	1622
(G) A board of education, after approving admission, may	1623
waive tuition for students who will temporarily reside in the	1624
district and who are either of the following:	1625
(1) Residents or domiciliaries of a foreign nation who	1626
request admission as foreign exchange students;	1627
(2) Residents or domiciliaries of the United States but not	1628

of Ohio who request admission as participants in an exchange

program operated by a student exchange organization.

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(H) Pursuant to sections 3311.211, 3313.90, 3319.01, 3323.04,	1631
3327.04, and 3327.06 of the Revised Code, a child may attend	1632
school or participate in a special education program in a school	1633
district other than in the district where the child is entitled to	1634
attend school under division (B) of this section.	1635

- (I)(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 1636 section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, a child under 1637 twenty-two years of age may attend school in the school district 1638 in which the child, at the end of the first full week of October 1639 of the school year, was entitled to attend school as otherwise 1640 provided under this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised 1641 Code, if at that time the child was enrolled in the schools of the 1642 district but since that time the child or the child's parent has 1643 relocated to a new address located outside of that school district 1644 and within the same county as the child's or parent's address 1645 immediately prior to the relocation. The child may continue to 1646 attend school in the district, and at the school to which the 1647 child was assigned at the end of the first full week of October of 1648 the current school year, for the balance of the school year. 1649 Division (I)(1) of this section applies only if both of the 1650 following conditions are satisfied: 1651
- (a) The board of education of the school district in which
 the child was entitled to attend school at the end of the first
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 full week in October and of the district to which the child or
 child's parent has relocated each has adopted a policy to enroll
 children described in division (I)(1) of this section.
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- (b) The child's parent provides written notification of the 1657 relocation outside of the school district to the superintendent of each of the two school districts.
- (2) At the beginning of the school year following the school 1660 year in which the child or the child's parent relocated outside of the school district as described in division (I)(1) of this 1662

section,	the	child	is	not	entitled	to	attend	school	in	the	school	1663
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- (3) Any person or entity owing tuition to the school district 1665 on behalf of the child at the end of the first full week in 1666 October, as provided in division (C) of this section, shall 1667 continue to owe such tuition to the district for the child's 1668 attendance under division (I)(1) of this section for the lesser of 1669 the balance of the school year or the balance of the time that the 1670 child attends school in the district under division (I)(1) of this 1671 section. 1672
- (4) A pupil who may attend school in the district under 1673 division (I)(1) of this section shall be entitled to 1674 transportation services pursuant to an agreement between the 1675 district and the district in which the child or child's parent has 1676 relocated unless the districts have not entered into such 1677 agreement, in which case the child shall be entitled to 1678 transportation services in the same manner as a pupil attending 1679 school in the district under interdistrict open enrollment as 1680 described in division (H) of section 3313.981 of the Revised Code, 1681 regardless of whether the district has adopted an open enrollment 1682 policy as described in division (B)(1)(b) or (c) of section 1683 3313.98 of the Revised Code. 1684
- (J) This division does not apply to a child receiving special 1685 education.

A school district required to pay tuition pursuant to 1687 division (C)(2) or (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the 1688 Revised Code shall have an amount deducted under division (F) of 1689 section 3317.023 of the Revised Code equal to its own tuition rate 1690 for the same period of attendance. A school district entitled to 1691 receive tuition pursuant to division (C)(2) or (3) of this section 1692 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code shall have an amount 1693 credited under division (F) of section 3317.023 of the Revised 1694

Code equal to its own tuition rate for the same period of 169	, ,
attendance. If the tuition rate credited to the district of 169	96
attendance exceeds the rate deducted from the district required to 169	97
pay tuition, the department of education shall pay the district of 169	8
attendance the difference from amounts deducted from all 169	9
districts' payments under division (F) of section 3317.023 of the 170	0
Revised Code but not credited to other school districts under such 170)1
division and from appropriations made for such purpose. The 170	2
treasurer of each school district shall, by the fifteenth day of 170	3
January and July, furnish the superintendent of public instruction 170)4
a report of the names of each child who attended the district's 170)5
schools under divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section or section 170)6
3313.65 of the Revised Code during the preceding six calendar 170	7
months, the duration of the attendance of those children, the 170	8(
school district responsible for tuition on behalf of the child, 170	9
and any other information that the superintendent requires. 171	LO

Upon receipt of the report the superintendent, pursuant to 1711 division (F) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall deduct 1712 each district's tuition obligations under divisions (C)(2) and (3) 1713 of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code and pay to 1714 the district of attendance that amount plus any amount required to 1715 be paid by the state.

- (K) In the event of a disagreement, the superintendent ofpublic instruction shall determine the school district in whichthe parent resides.1719
- (L) Nothing in this section requires or authorizes, or shall 1720 be construed to require or authorize, the admission to a public 1721 school in this state of a pupil who has been permanently excluded 1722 from public school attendance by the superintendent of public 1723 instruction pursuant to sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the 1724 Revised Code.
 - (M) In accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, a 1726

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child whose parent is a member of the national guard or a reserve 1727 unit of the armed forces of the United States and is called to 1728 active duty, or a child whose parent is a member of the armed 1729 forces of the United States and is ordered to a temporary duty 1730 assignment outside of the district, may continue to attend school 1731 in the district in which the child's parent lived before being 1732 called to active duty or ordered to a temporary duty assignment 1733 outside of the district, as long as the child's parent continues 1734 to be a resident of that district, and regardless of where the 1735 child lives as a result of the parent's active duty status or 1736 temporary duty assignment. However, the district is not 1737 responsible for providing transportation for the child if the 1738 child lives outside of the district as a result of the parent's 1739 active duty status or temporary duty assignment. 1740

Sec. 5103.16. (A) Pursuant to section 5103.18 of the Revised 1741 Code and except as otherwise provided in this section, no child 1742 shall be placed or accepted for placement under any written or 1743 oral agreement or understanding that transfers or surrenders the 1744 legal rights, powers, or duties of the legal parent, parents, or 1745 guardian of the child into the temporary or permanent custody of 1746 any association or institution that is not certified by the 1747 department of job and family services under section 5103.03 of the 1748 Revised Code, without the written consent of the office in the 1749 department that oversees the interstate compact on for placement 1750 of children established under section 5103.20 of the Revised Code 1751 or the interstate compact on the placement of children established 1752 under section 5103.23 of the Revised Code, as applicable, or by a 1753 commitment of a juvenile court, or by a commitment of a probate 1754 court as provided in this section. A child may be placed 1755 temporarily without written consent or court commitment with 1756 persons related by blood or marriage or in a legally licensed 1757 boarding home. 1758

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- (B)(1) Associations and institutions certified under section 1759 5103.03 of the Revised Code for the purpose of placing children in 1760 free foster homes or for legal adoption shall keep a record of the 1761 temporary and permanent surrenders of children. This record shall 1762 be available for separate statistics, which shall include a copy 1763 of an official birth record and all information concerning the 1764 social, mental, and medical history of the children that will aid 1765 in an intelligent disposition of the children in case that becomes 1766 necessary because the parents or guardians fail or are unable to 1767 reassume custody. 1768
- (2) No child placed on a temporary surrender with an association or institution shall be placed permanently in a foster home or for legal adoption. All surrendered children who are placed permanently in foster homes or for adoption shall have been permanently surrendered, and a copy of the permanent surrender shall be a part of the separate record kept by the association or institution.
- (C) Any agreement or understanding to transfer or surrender 1776 the legal rights, powers, or duties of the legal parent or parents 1777 and place a child with a person seeking to adopt the child under 1778 this section shall be construed to contain a promise by the person 1779 seeking to adopt the child to pay the expenses listed in divisions 1780 (C)(1), (2), and (4) of section 3107.055 of the Revised Code and, 1781 if the person seeking to adopt the child refuses to accept 1782 placement of the child, to pay the temporary costs of routine 1783 maintenance and medical care for the child in a hospital, foster 1784 home, or other appropriate place for up to thirty days or until 1785 other custody is established for the child, as provided by law, 1786 whichever is less. 1787
- (D) No child shall be placed or received for adoption or with 1788 intent to adopt unless placement is made by a public children 1789 services agency, an institution or association that is certified 1790

by	the department of job and family services under section 5103.03	1791
of	the Revised Code to place children for adoption, or custodians	1792
in	another state or foreign country, or unless all of the	1793
fol	lowing criteria are met:	1794

- (1) Prior to the placement and receiving of the child, the 1795 parent or parents of the child personally have applied to, and 1796 appeared before, the probate court of the county in which the 1797 parent or parents reside, or in which the person seeking to adopt 1798 the child resides, for approval of the proposed placement 1799 specified in the application and have signed and filed with the 1800 court a written statement showing that the parent or parents are 1801 aware of their right to contest the decree of adoption subject to 1802 the limitations of section 3107.16 of the Revised Code; 1803
- (2) The court ordered an independent home study of the 1804 proposed placement to be conducted as provided in section 3107.031 1805 of the Revised Code, and after completion of the home study, the 1806 court determined that the proposed placement is in the best 1807 interest of the child;
 - (3) The court has approved of record the proposed placement. 1809

In determining whether a custodian has authority to place 1810 children for adoption under the laws of a foreign country, the 1811 probate court shall determine whether the child has been released 1812 for adoption pursuant to the laws of the country in which the 1813 child resides, and if the release is in a form that satisfies the 1814 requirements of the immigration and naturalization service of the 1815 United States department of justice for purposes of immigration to 1816 this country pursuant to section 101(b)(1)(F) of the "Immigration 1817 and Nationality Act, " 75 Stat. 650 (1961), 8 U.S.C. 1101 1818 (b)(1)(F), as amended or reenacted. 1819

If the parent or parents of the child are deceased or have 1820 abandoned the child, as determined under division (A) of section 1821

3107.07 of the Revised Code, the application for approval of the	1822
proposed adoptive placement may be brought by the relative seeking	1823
to adopt the child, or by the department, board, or organization	1824
not otherwise having legal authority to place the orphaned or	1825
abandoned child for adoption, but having legal custody of the	1826
orphaned or abandoned child, in the probate court of the county in	1827
which the child is a resident, or in which the department, board,	1828
or organization is located, or where the person or persons with	1829
whom the child is to be placed reside. Unless the parent, parents,	1830
or guardian of the person of the child personally have appeared	1831
before the court and applied for approval of the placement, notice	1832
of the hearing on the application shall be served on the parent,	1833
parents, or guardian.	1834

The consent to placement, surrender, or adoption executed by 1835 a minor parent before a judge of the probate court or an 1836 authorized deputy or referee of the court, whether executed within 1837 or outside the confines of the court, is as valid as though 1838 executed by an adult. A consent given as above before an employee 1839 of a children services agency that is licensed as provided by law, 1840 is equally effective, if the consent also is accompanied by an 1841 affidavit executed by the witnessing employee or employees to the 1842 effect that the legal rights of the parents have been fully 1843 explained to the parents, prior to the execution of any consent, 1844 and that the action was done after the birth of the child. 1845

If the court approves a placement, the prospective adoptive 1846 parent with whom the child is placed has care, custody, and 1847 control of the child pending further order of the court. 1848

- (E) This section does not apply to an adoption by a 1849 stepparent, a grandparent, or a guardian. 1850
- Sec. 5103.23. The interstate compact on the placement of
 children is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all
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legally subject to parental, quardianship or similar control.

thereof; a subdivision of a party state, or officer or employee

thereof; a court of a party state; a person, corporation,

association, charitable agency, or other entity which sends,

(B) "Sending agency" means a party state, officer or employee

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(C) "Receiving state" means the state to which a child is	1885
sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought, whether by public	1886
authorities or private persons or agencies, and whether for	1887
placement with state or local public authorities or for placement	1888
with private agencies or persons.	1889
(D) "Placement" means the arrangement for the care of a child	1890
in a family free or boarding home, or in a child-caring agency or	1891
institution but does not include any institution caring for the	1892
mentally ill, mentally defective, or epileptic, or any institution	1893
primarily educational in character, and any hospital or other	1894
medical facility.	1895
Article III. Conditions for Placement.	1896
(A) No sending agency shall send, bring, or cause to be sent	1897
or brought into any other party state any child for placement in	1898
foster care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption unless the	1899
sending agency shall comply with each and every requirement set	1900
forth in this article and with the applicable laws of the	1901
receiving state governing the placement of children therein.	1902
(B) Prior to sending, bringing or causing any child to be	1903
sent or brought into a receiving state for placement in foster	1904
care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption, the sending	1905
agency shall furnish the appropriate public authorities in the	1906
receiving state written notice of the intention to send, bring, or	1907
place the child in the receiving state. The notice shall contain:	1908
(1) The name, date and place of the birth of the child;	1909
(2) The identity and address or addresses of the parents or	1910
<u>legal guardian;</u>	1911
(3) The name and address of the person, agency, or	1912

any receiving state of a child in violation of the terms of this 1932 compact shall constitute a violation of the laws respecting the 1933 placement of children of both the state in which the sending 1934 agency is located or from which it sends or brings the child and 1935 of the receiving state. Such violation may be punished or 1936 subjected to penalty in either jurisdiction in accordance with its 1937 laws. In addition to liability for any such punishment or penalty, 1938 any such violation shall constitute full and sufficient grounds 1939 for the suspension or revocation of any license, permit, or other 1940 legal authorization held by the sending agency which empowers or 1941 allows it to place, or care for children. 1942

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Article V. Retention of Jurisdiction.

(A) The sending agency shall retain jurisdiction over the	1944
child sufficient to determine all matters in relation to the	1945
custody, supervision, care, treatment and disposition of the child	1946
which it would have had if the child had remained in the sending	1947
agency's state, until the child is adopted, reaches majority,	1948
becomes self-supporting or is discharged with the concurrence of	1949
the appropriate authority in the receiving state. Such	1950
jurisdiction shall also include the power to effect or cause the	1951
return of the child or its transfer to another location and	1952
custody pursuant to law. The sending agency shall continue to have	1953
financial responsibility for support and maintenance of the child	1954
during the period of the placement. Nothing contained herein shall	1955
defeat a claim of jurisdiction by a receiving state sufficient to	1956
deal with an act of delinquency or crime committed therein.	1957
(B) When the sending agency is a public agency, it may enter	1958
into an agreement with an authorized public or private agency in	1959
the receiving state providing for the performance of one or more	1960
services in respect of such case by the latter as agent for the	1961
sending agency.	1962
(C) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to prevent a	1963
private charitable agency authorized to place children in the	1964
receiving state from performing services or acting as agent in	1965
that state for a private charitable agency of the sending state;	1966
nor to prevent the agency in the receiving state from discharging	1967
financial responsibility for the support and maintenance of a	1968
child who has been placed on behalf of the sending agency without	1969
relieving the responsibility set forth in paragraph (A) hereof.	1970
Article VI. Institutional Care of Delinquent Children.	1971
A child adjudicated delinquent may be placed in an	1972
institution in another party jurisdiction pursuant to this compact	1973
but no such placement shall be made unless the child is given a	1974
court hearing on notice to the parent or guardian with opportunity	1975

to be heard prior to his being sent to such other party jurisdiction for institutional care and the court finds that: (A) Equivalent facilities for the child are not available in the sending agency's jurisdiction; and 1979
(A) Equivalent facilities for the child are not available in 1978
the sending agency's jurisdiction; and 1979
(B) Institutional care in the other jurisdiction is in the 1980
best interest of the child and will not produce undue hardship. 1981
Article VII. Compact Administrator. 1982
The executive head of each jurisdiction party to this compact 1983
shall designate an officer who shall be general coordinator of 1984
activities under this compact in his jurisdiction and who, acting 1985
jointly with like officers of other party jurisdictions, shall 1986
have power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more 1987
effectively the terms and provisions of this compact. 1988
Article VIII. Limitations. 1989
This compact shall not apply to: 1990
(A) The sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state 1991
by his parent, step-parent, grandparent, adult brother or sister, 1992
adult uncle or aunt, or his guardian and leaving the child with 1993
any such relative or non-agency guardian in the receiving state. 1994
(B) Any placement, sending or bringing of a child into a 1995
receiving state pursuant to any other interstate compact to which 1996
both the state from which the child is sent or brought and the 1997
receiving state are party, or to any other agreement between said 1998
states which has the force of law. 1999
Article IX. Enactment and Withdrawal. 2000
This compact shall be open to joinder by any state, territory 2001
or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the 2002
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, with the consent of congress, 2003
the government of Canada, or any province thereof. It shall become 2004
effective with respect to any such jurisdiction when such 2005

jurisdiction has enacted the same into law. Withdrawal from this	2006
compact shall be by the enactment of a statute repealing the same,	2007
but shall not take effect until two years after the effective date	2008
of such statute and until written notice of the withdrawal has	2009
been given by the withdrawing state to the governor of each other	2010
party jurisdiction. Withdrawal of a party state shall not affect	2011
the rights, duties and obligations under this compact of any	2012
sending agency therein with respect to a placement made prior to	2013
the effective date of withdrawal.	2014
Article X. Construction and Severability.	2015
The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed	2016
to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact	2017
shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or	2018
provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the	2019
constitution of any party state or of the United States or the	2020
applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or	2021
circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of	2022
this compact and the applicability thereof to any government,	2023
agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If	2024
this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any	2025
state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and	2026
effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.	2027
Sec. 5103.231. Financial responsibility for any child placed	2028
pursuant to the provisions of the interstate compact on the	2029
placement of children shall be determined in accordance with the	2030
provisions of Article V of section 5103.23 of the Revised Code.	2031
However, in the event of parental or complete default of	2032
performance thereunder, the provisions of laws fixing	2033
responsibility for the support of children also may be invoked.	2034
Sec. 5103.232. The "appropriate public authorities" as used	2035

delinquent children may place such a child in an institution in

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3313.64 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a

composite of the section as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 137, Am. Sub.

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H.B. 530, Sub. S.B. 164, and Am. Sub. S.B. 238 of the 126th	2094
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle	2095
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that	2096
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of	2097
simultaneous operation, finds that the composites are the	2098
resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the	2099
effective date of the sections as presented in this act.	2100