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A BILL

То	amend sections 2151.353, 2151.361, 2151.414,	1
	2151.415, 3107.033, 3107.055, 3107.06, 3107.07,	2
	3107.101, 3107.14, 3107.66, 3313.6011, 3317.024,	3
	5103.03, 5107.30, 5153.122, and 5153.123 of the	4
	Revised Code regarding adoption law and custody of	5
	an abused, neglected, or dependent child.	б

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.353, 2151.361, 2151.414,	7
2151.415, 3107.033, 3107.055, 3107.06, 3107.07, 3107.101, 3107.14,	8
3107.66, 3313.6011, 3317.024, 5103.03, 5107.30, 5153.122, and	9
5153.123 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	10
Sec. 2151.353. (A) If a child is adjudicated an abused,	11
neglected, or dependent child, the court may make any of the	12
following orders of disposition:	13
(1) Place the child in protective supervision;	14
(2) Commit the child to the temporary custody of a public	15
children services agency, a private child placing agency, either	16
parent, a relative residing within or outside the state, or a	17
probation officer for placement in a certified foster home, or in	18

any other home approved by the court;

(3) Award legal custody of the child to either parent or to 20 any other person who, prior to the dispositional hearing, files a 21 motion requesting legal custody of the child or is identified as a 22 proposed legal custodian in a complaint or motion filed prior to 23 the dispositional hearing by any party to the proceedings. A 24 person identified in a complaint or motion filed by a party to the 25 proceedings as a proposed legal custodian shall be awarded legal 26 custody of the child only if the person identified signs a 27 statement of understanding for legal custody that contains at 28 least the following provisions: 29

(a) That it is the intent of the person to become the legal custodian of the child and the person is able to assume legal responsibility for the care and supervision of the child;

(b) That the person understands that legal custody of the 33 child in question is intended to be permanent in nature and that 34 the person will be responsible as the custodian for the child 35 until the child reaches the age of majority. Responsibility as 36 custodian for the child shall continue beyond the age of majority 37 if, at the time the child reaches the age of majority, the child 38 is pursuing a diploma granted by the board of education or other 39 governing authority, successful completion of the curriculum of 40 any high school, successful completion of an individualized 41 education program developed for the student by any high school, or 42 an age and schooling certificate. Responsibility beyond the age of 43 majority shall terminate when the child ceases to continuously 44 pursue such an education, completes such an education, or is 45 excused from such an education under standards adopted by the 46 state board of education, whichever occurs first. 47

(c) That the parents of the child have residual parental
rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including, but not
limited to, the privilege of reasonable visitation, consent to
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adoption, the privilege to determine the child's religious 51 affiliation, and the responsibility for support; 52

(d) That the person understands that the person must be present in court for the dispositional hearing in order to affirm the person's intention to become legal custodian, to affirm that the person understands the effect of the custodianship before the court, and to answer any questions that the court or any parties to the case may have.

(4) Commit the child to the permanent custody of a public 59 children services agency or private child placing agency, if the 60 court determines in accordance with division (E) of section 61 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the child cannot be placed with 62 one of the child's parents within a reasonable time or should not 63 be placed with either parent and determines in accordance with 64 division (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the 65 permanent commitment is in the best interest of the child. If the 66 court grants permanent custody under this division, the court, 67 upon the request of any party, shall file a written opinion 68 setting forth its findings of fact and conclusions of law in 69 relation to the proceeding. 70

(5) Place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement with a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if a public children services agency or private child placing agency requests the court to place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement and if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a planned permanent living arrangement is in the best interest of the child and that one of the following exists:

(a) The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological
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 problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting
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 and must remain in residential or institutional care now and for
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 the foreseeable future beyond the date of the dispositional
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hearing held pursuant to section 2151.35 of the Revised Code.	83
(b) The parents of the child have significant physical,	84
mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the	85
child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best	86
interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division	87
(D) (1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code, and the child	88
retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or	89
relative.	90
(c) The child is sixteen years of age or older, has been	91
counseled on the permanent placement options available to the	92
child, is unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent	93
placement, and is in an agency program preparing the child for	94
independent living.	95

(6) Order the removal from the child's home until further 96 order of the court of the person who committed abuse as described 97 in section 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, who 98 caused or allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in 99 section 2151.03 of the Revised Code, or who is the parent, 100 guardian, or custodian of a child who is adjudicated a dependent 101 child and order any person not to have contact with the child or 102 the child's siblings. 103

(B) No order for permanent custody or temporary custody of a 104 child or the placement of a child in a planned permanent living 105 arrangement shall be made pursuant to this section unless the 106 complaint alleging the abuse, neglect, or dependency contains a 107 prayer requesting permanent custody, temporary custody, or the 108 placement of the child in a planned permanent living arrangement 109 as desired, the summons served on the parents of the child 110 contains as is appropriate a full explanation that the granting of 111 an order for permanent custody permanently divests them of their 112 parental rights, a full explanation that an adjudication that the 113 child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child may result in an 114 order of temporary custody that will cause the removal of the 115 child from their legal custody until the court terminates the 116 order of temporary custody or permanently divests the parents of 117 their parental rights, or a full explanation that the granting of 118 an order for a planned permanent living arrangement will result in 119 the removal of the child from their legal custody if any of the 120 conditions listed in divisions (A)(5)(a) to (c) of this section 121 are found to exist, and the summons served on the parents contains 122 a full explanation of their right to be represented by counsel and 123 to have counsel appointed pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised 124 Code if they are indigent. 125

If after making disposition as authorized by division (A)(2) 126 of this section, a motion is filed that requests permanent custody 127 of the child, the court may grant permanent custody of the child 128 to the movant in accordance with section 2151.414 of the Revised 129 Code. 130

(C) If the court issues an order for protective supervision
pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, the court may place
any reasonable restrictions upon the child, the child's parents,
guardian, or custodian, or any other person, including, but not
limited to, any of the following:

(1) Order a party, within forty-eight hours after the
issuance of the order, to vacate the child's home indefinitely or
for a specified period of time;
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(2) Order a party, a parent of the child, or a physical
custodian of the child to prevent any particular person from
having contact with the child;

(3) Issue an order restraining or otherwise controlling the
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 conduct of any person which conduct would not be in the best
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 interest of the child.

(D) As part of its dispositional order, the court shall 145

journalize a case plan for the child. The journalized case plan 146 shall not be changed except as provided in section 2151.412 of the 147 Revised Code. 148

(E)(1) The court shall retain jurisdiction over any child for 149 whom the court issues an order of disposition pursuant to division 150 (A) of this section or pursuant to section 2151.414 or 2151.415 of 151 the Revised Code until the child attains the age of eighteen years 152 if the child is not mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, 153 or physically impaired, the child attains the age of twenty-one 154 years if the child is mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, 155 or physically impaired, or the child is adopted and a final decree 156 of adoption is issued, except that the court may retain 157 jurisdiction over the child and continue any order of disposition 158 under division (A) of this section or under section 2151.414 or 159 2151.415 of the Revised Code for a specified period of time to 160 enable the child to graduate from high school or vocational 161 school. The court shall make an entry continuing its jurisdiction 162 under this division in the journal. 163

(2) Any public children services agency, any private child 164 placing agency, the department of job and family services, or any 165 party, other than any parent whose parental rights with respect to 166 the child have been terminated pursuant to an order issued under 167 division (A)(4) of this section, by filing a motion with the 168 court, may at any time request the court to modify or terminate 169 any order of disposition issued pursuant to division (A) of this 170 section or section 2151.414 or 2151.415 of the Revised Code. The 171 court shall hold a hearing upon the motion as if the hearing were 172 173 the original dispositional hearing and shall give all parties to the action and the quardian ad litem notice of the hearing 174 pursuant to the Juvenile Rules. If applicable, the court shall 175 comply with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. 176

(F) Any temporary custody order issued pursuant to division 177

(A) of this section shall terminate one year after the earlier of 178 the date on which the complaint in the case was filed or the child 179 was first placed into shelter care, except that, upon the filing 180 of a motion pursuant to section 2151.415 of the Revised Code, the 181 temporary custody order shall continue and not terminate until the 182 court issues a dispositional order under that section. In 183 resolving the motion, the court shall not order an existing 184 temporary custody order to continue beyond two years after the 185 date on which the complaint was filed or the child was first 186 placed into shelter care, whichever date is earlier, regardless of 187 whether any extensions have been previously ordered pursuant to 188 division (D) of section 2151.415 of the Revised Code. 189

(G)(1) No later than one year after the earlier of the date 190 the complaint in the case was filed or the child was first placed 191 in shelter care, a party may ask the court to extend an order for 192 protective supervision for six months or to terminate the order. A 193 party requesting extension or termination of the order shall file 194 a written request for the extension or termination with the court 195 and give notice of the proposed extension or termination in 196 writing before the end of the day after the day of filing it to 197 all parties and the child's guardian ad litem. If a public 198 children services agency or private child placing agency requests 199 termination of the order, the agency shall file a written status 200 report setting out the facts supporting termination of the order 201 at the time it files the request with the court. If no party 202 requests extension or termination of the order, the court shall 203 notify the parties that the court will extend the order for six 204 months or terminate it and that it may do so without a hearing 205 unless one of the parties requests a hearing. All parties and the 206 guardian ad litem shall have seven days from the date a notice is 207 sent pursuant to this division to object to and request a hearing 208 on the proposed extension or termination. 209

(a) If it receives a timely request for a hearing, the court 210 shall schedule a hearing to be held no later than thirty days 211 after the request is received by the court. The court shall give 212 notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to all 213 parties and the guardian ad litem. At the hearing, the court shall 214 determine whether extension or termination of the order is in the 215 child's best interest. If termination is in the child's best 216 interest, the court shall terminate the order. If extension is in 217 the child's best interest, the court shall extend the order for 218 six months. 219

(b) If it does not receive a timely request for a hearing, 220 the court may extend the order for six months or terminate it 221 without a hearing and shall journalize the order of extension or 222 termination not later than fourteen days after receiving the 223 request for extension or termination or after the date the court 224 notifies the parties that it will extend or terminate the order. 225 If the court does not extend or terminate the order, it shall 226 schedule a hearing to be held no later than thirty days after the 227 expiration of the applicable fourteen-day time period and give 228 notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to all 229 parties and the child's guardian ad litem. At the hearing, the 230 court shall determine whether extension or termination of the 231 order is in the child's best interest. If termination is in the 232 child's best interest, the court shall terminate the order. If 233 extension is in the child's best interest, the court shall issue 234 an order extending the order for protective supervision six 235 months. 236

(2) If the court grants an extension of the order for
protective supervision pursuant to division (G)(1) of this
section, a party may, prior to termination of the extension, file
with the court a request for an additional extension of six months
or for termination of the order. The court and the parties shall

comply with division (G)(1) of this section with respect to 242 extending or terminating the order. 243 (3) If a court grants an extension pursuant to division 244 (G)(2) of this section, the court shall terminate the order for 245 protective supervision at the end of the extension. 246 (H) The court shall not issue a dispositional order pursuant 247 to division (A) of this section that removes a child from the 248 child's home unless the court complies with section 2151.419 of 249 the Revised Code and includes in the dispositional order the 250 findings of fact required by that section. 251 (I) If a motion or application for an order described in 252 division (A)(6) of this section is made, the court shall not issue 253 the order unless, prior to the issuance of the order, it provides 254 to the person all of the following: 255 (1) Notice and a copy of the motion or application; 256 (2) The grounds for the motion or application; 257 (3) An opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at a 258 hearing regarding the motion or application; 259 260 (4) An opportunity to be represented by counsel at the hearing. 261 (J) The jurisdiction of the court shall terminate one year 262 after the date of the award or, if the court takes any further 263 action in the matter subsequent to the award, the date of the 264 latest further action subsequent to the award, if the court awards 265 legal custody of a child to either of the following: 266 (1) A legal custodian who, at the time of the award of legal 267

custody, resides in a county of this state other than the county 268 in which the court is located; 269

(2) A legal custodian who resides in the county in which thecourt is located at the time of the award of legal custody, but271

moves to a different county of this state prior to one year after 272 the date of the award or, if the court takes any further action in 273 the matter subsequent to the award, one year after the date of the 274 latest further action subsequent to the award. 275

The court in the county in which the legal custodian resides 276 then shall have jurisdiction in the matter. 277

sec. 2151.361. (A) If the parents of a child enter into an 278 agreement with a public children services agency or private child 279 placing agency to place the child into the temporary custody of 280 the agency or the child is committed as provided by this chapter, 281 the juvenile court, at its discretion, may issue an order pursuant 282 to Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code 283 requiring that the parents pay for the care, support, maintenance, 284 and education of the child if the parents adopted the child. 285

(B) When determining whether to issue an order under division 286
 (A) of this section, the juvenile court shall consider all 287
 pertinent issues, including, but not limited to, all of the 288
 following: 289

(1) The ability of the parents to pay for the care, support, 290maintenance, and education of the child; 291

(2) The chances for reunification of the parents and child; 292

(3) Whether issuing the order will encourage the
reunification of the parents and child or undermine that
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reunification;

(4) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the 296
child into temporary custody existed prior to the parents' 297
adoption of the child and whether the parents were informed of the 298
problem prior to that adoption; 299

(5) Whether the problem underlying the agreement to place the300child into temporary custody began after the parents' adoption of301

the child;	302
(6) Whether the parents have contributed to the child's	303
problems;	304
(7) Whether the parents are part of the solution to the	305
child's problems <u>;</u>	306
(8) The ability of the parents to meet the needs of all other	307
children residing in the home.	308

Sec. 2151.414. (A)(1) Upon the filing of a motion pursuant to 309 section 2151.413 of the Revised Code for permanent custody of a 310 child, the court shall schedule a hearing and give notice of the 311 filing of the motion and of the hearing, in accordance with 312 section 2151.29 of the Revised Code, to all parties to the action 313 and to the child's quardian ad litem. The notice also shall 314 contain a full explanation that the granting of permanent custody 315 permanently divests the parents of their parental rights, a full 316 explanation of their right to be represented by counsel and to 317 have counsel appointed pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised 318 Code if they are indigent, and the name and telephone number of 319 the court employee designated by the court pursuant to section 320 2151.314 of the Revised Code to arrange for the prompt appointment 321 of counsel for indigent persons. 322

The court shall conduct a hearing in accordance with section 323 2151.35 of the Revised Code to determine if it is in the best 324 interest of the child to permanently terminate parental rights and 325 grant permanent custody to the agency that filed the motion. The 326 adjudication that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent 327 child and any dispositional order that has been issued in the case 328 under section 2151.353 of the Revised Code pursuant to the 329 adjudication shall not be readjudicated at the hearing and shall 330 not be affected by a denial of the motion for permanent custody. 331

(2) The court shall hold the hearing scheduled pursuant to 332 division (A)(1) of this section not later than one hundred twenty 333 days after the agency files the motion for permanent custody, 334 except that, for good cause shown, the court may continue the 335 hearing for a reasonable period of time beyond the 336 one-hundred-twenty-day deadline. The court shall issue an order 337 that grants, denies, or otherwise disposes of the motion for 338 permanent custody, and journalize the order, not later than two 339 hundred days after the agency files the motion. 340

If a motion is made under division (D)(2) of section 2151.413 341 of the Revised Code and no dispositional hearing has been held in 342 the case, the court may hear the motion in the dispositional 343 hearing required by division (B) of section 2151.35 of the Revised 344 Code. If the court issues an order pursuant to section 2151.353 of 345 the Revised Code granting permanent custody of the child to the 346 agency, the court shall immediately dismiss the motion made under 347 division (D)(2) of section 2151.413 of the Revised Code. 348

The failure of the court to comply with the time periods set 349 forth in division (A)(2) of this section does not affect the 350 authority of the court to issue any order under this chapter and 351 does not provide any basis for attacking the jurisdiction of the 352 court or the validity of any order of the court. 353

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, 354 the court may grant permanent custody of a child to a movant if 355 the court determines at the hearing held pursuant to division (A) 356 of this section, by clear and convincing evidence, that it is in 357 the best interest of the child to grant permanent custody of the 358 child to the agency that filed the motion for permanent custody 359 and that any of the following apply: 360

(a) The child is not abandoned or orphaned or has not been in
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months of a consecutive twenty-two month period ending on or after 364 March 18, 1999, and the child cannot be placed with either of the 365 child's parents within a reasonable time or should not be placed 366 with the child's parents. 367 368

(b) The child is abandoned.

(c) The child is orphaned, and there are no relatives of the 369 child who are able to take permanent custody. 370

(d) The child has been in the temporary custody of one or 371 more public children services agencies or private child placing 372 agencies for twelve or more months of a consecutive twenty-two 373 month period ending on or after March 18, 1999. 374

For the purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, a child 375 shall be considered to have entered the temporary custody of an 376 agency on the earlier of the date the child is adjudicated 377 pursuant to section 2151.28 of the Revised Code or the date that 378 is sixty days after the removal of the child from home. 379

(2) With respect to a motion made pursuant to division (D)(2)380 of section 2151.413 of the Revised Code, the court shall grant 381 permanent custody of the child to the movant if the court 382 determines in accordance with division (E) of this section that 383 the child cannot be placed with one of the child's parents within 384 a reasonable time or should not be placed with either parent and 385 determines in accordance with division (D) of this section that 386 permanent custody is in the child's best interest. 387

(C) In making the determinations required by this section or 388 division (A)(4) of section 2151.353 of the Revised Code, a court 389 shall not consider the effect the granting of permanent custody to 390 the agency would have upon any parent of the child. A written 391 report of the quardian ad litem of the child shall be submitted to 392 the court prior to or at the time of the hearing held pursuant to 393 division (A) of this section or section 2151.35 of the Revised 394 If the court grants permanent custody of a child to a movant 396 under this division, the court, upon the request of any party, 397 shall file a written opinion setting forth its findings of fact 398 and conclusions of law in relation to the proceeding. The court 399 shall not deny an agency's motion for permanent custody solely 400 because the agency failed to implement any particular aspect of 401 the child's case plan. 402

(D)(1) In determining the best interest of a child at a 403 hearing held pursuant to division (A) of this section or for the 404 purposes of division (A)(4) or (5) of section 2151.353 or division 405 (C) of section 2151.415 of the Revised Code, the court shall 406 consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the 407 following: 408

(1)(a)The interaction and interrelationship of the child409with the child's parents, siblings, relatives, foster caregivers410and out-of-home providers, and any other person who may411significantly affect the child;412

(2)(b) The wishes of the child, as expressed directly by the 413
child or through the child's guardian ad litem, with due regard 414
for the maturity of the child; 415

(3)(c) The custodial history of the child, including whether 416 the child has been in the temporary custody of one or more public 417 children services agencies or private child placing agencies for 418 twelve or more months of a consecutive twenty-two month period 419 ending on or after March 18, 1999; 420

(4)(d)The child's need for a legally secure permanent421placement and whether that type of placement can be achieved422without a grant of permanent custody to the agency;423

(5)(e) Whether any of the factors in divisions (E)(7) to (11) 424 of this section apply in relation to the parents and child. 425

For the purposes of this division $(D)(1)$ of this section, a	426
child shall be considered to have entered the temporary custody of	427
an agency on the earlier of the date the child is adjudicated	428
pursuant to section 2151.28 of the Revised Code or the date that	429
is sixty days after the removal of the child from home.	430
(2) If all of the following apply, permanent custody is in	431
the best interest of the child and the court shall commit the	432
child to the permanent custody of a public children services	433
agency or private child placing agency:	434
(a) The court determines by clear and convincing evidence	435
that one or more of the factors in division (E) of this section	436
exist and the child cannot be placed with one of the child's	437
parents within a reasonable time or should not be placed with	438
either parent.	439
(b) The child has been in an agency's custody for two years	440
or longer, and no longer qualifies for temporary custody pursuant	441
to division (D) of section 2151.415 of the Revised Code.	442
(c) The child does not meet the requirements for a planned	443
permanent living arrangement pursuant to division (A)(5) of	444
section 2151.353 of the Revised Code.	445
(d) Prior to the dispositional hearing, no relative or other	446
interested person has filed, or has been identified in, a motion	447
for legal custody of the child.	448
(E) In determining at a hearing held pursuant to division (A)	449
of this section or for the purposes of division (A)(4) of section	450
2151.353 of the Revised Code whether a child cannot be placed with	451
either parent within a reasonable period of time or should not be	452
placed with the parents, the court shall consider all relevant	453
evidence. If the court determines, by clear and convincing	454
evidence, at a hearing held pursuant to division (A) of this	455
section or for the purposes of division $(A)(4)$ of section 2151.353	456

of the Revised Code that one or more of the following exist as to 457 each of the child's parents, the court shall enter a finding that 458 the child cannot be placed with either parent within a reasonable 459 time or should not be placed with either parent: 460

(1) Following the placement of the child outside the child's 461 home and notwithstanding reasonable case planning and diligent 462 efforts by the agency to assist the parents to remedy the problems 463 that initially caused the child to be placed outside the home, the 464 parent has failed continuously and repeatedly to substantially 465 remedy the conditions causing the child to be placed outside the 466 child's home. In determining whether the parents have 467 substantially remedied those conditions, the court shall consider 468 parental utilization of medical, psychiatric, psychological, and 469 other social and rehabilitative services and material resources 470 that were made available to the parents for the purpose of 471 changing parental conduct to allow them to resume and maintain 472 parental duties. 473

(2) Chronic mental illness, chronic emotional illness, mental 474 retardation, physical disability, or chemical dependency of the 475 parent that is so severe that it makes the parent unable to 476 provide an adequate permanent home for the child at the present 477 time and, as anticipated, within one year after the court holds 478 the hearing pursuant to division (A) of this section or for the 479 purposes of division (A)(4) of section 2151.353 of the Revised 480 Code; 481

(3) The parent committed any abuse as described in section
2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, caused the child
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to suffer any neglect as described in section 2151.03 of the
Revised Code, or allowed the child to suffer any neglect as
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described in section 2151.03 of the Revised Code between the date
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that the original complaint alleging abuse or neglect was filed
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and the date of the filing of the motion for permanent custody;

(4) The parent has demonstrated a lack of commitment toward
the child by failing to regularly support, visit, or communicate
with the child when able to do so, or by other actions showing an
unwillingness to provide an adequate permanent home for the child;

(5) The parent is incarcerated for an offense committed493against the child or a sibling of the child;494

(6) The parent has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an 495 offense under division (A) or (C) of section 2919.22 or under 496 section 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.03, 497 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.21, 498 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 499 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.24, 500 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, or 3716.11 of the 501 Revised Code and the child or a sibling of the child was a victim 502 of the offense or the parent has been convicted of or pleaded 503 guilty to an offense under section 2903.04 of the Revised Code, a 504 sibling of the child was the victim of the offense, and the parent 505 who committed the offense poses an ongoing danger to the child or 506 a sibling of the child. 507

(7) The parent has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one of the following:

(a) An offense under section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.03 of 510
the Revised Code or under an existing or former law of this state, 511
any other state, or the United States that is substantially 512
equivalent to an offense described in those sections and the 513
victim of the offense was a sibling of the child or the victim was 514
another child who lived in the parent's household at the time of 515
the offense; 516

(b) An offense under section 2903.11, 2903.12, or 2903.13 of 517
the Revised Code or under an existing or former law of this state, 518
any other state, or the United States that is substantially 519

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equivalent to an offense described in those sections and the 520 victim of the offense is the child, a sibling of the child, or 521 another child who lived in the parent's household at the time of 522 the offense;

(c) An offense under division (B)(2) of section 2919.22 of 524 the Revised Code or under an existing or former law of this state, 525 any other state, or the United States that is substantially 526 equivalent to the offense described in that section and the child, 527 a sibling of the child, or another child who lived in the parent's 528 household at the time of the offense is the victim of the offense; 529

(d) An offense under section 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 530 2907.05, or 2907.06 of the Revised Code or under an existing or 531 former law of this state, any other state, or the United States 532 that is substantially equivalent to an offense described in those 533 sections and the victim of the offense is the child, a sibling of 534 the child, or another child who lived in the parent's household at 535 the time of the offense; 536

(e) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in 537 committing, an offense described in division (E)(7)(a) or (d) of 538 this section. 539

(8) The parent has repeatedly withheld medical treatment or 540 food from the child when the parent has the means to provide the 541 treatment or food, and, in the case of withheld medical treatment, 542 the parent withheld it for a purpose other than to treat the 543 physical or mental illness or defect of the child by spiritual 544 means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets of a 545 recognized religious body. 546

(9) The parent has placed the child at substantial risk of 547 harm two or more times due to alcohol or drug abuse and has 548 rejected treatment two or more times or refused to participate in 549 further treatment two or more times after a case plan issued 550

pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code requiring 551 treatment of the parent was journalized as part of a dispositional 552 order issued with respect to the child or an order was issued by 553 any other court requiring treatment of the parent. 554

(10) The parent has abandoned the child.

(11) The parent has had parental rights involuntarily 556 terminated with respect to a sibling of the child pursuant to this 557 section or section 2151.353 or 2151.415 of the Revised Code with 558 respect to a sibling of the child, or under an existing or former 559 law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is 560 substantially equivalent, and the parent has failed to provide 561 clear and convincing evidence to prove that, notwithstanding the 562 prior termination, the parent can provide a legally secure 563 permanent placement and adequate care for the health, welfare, and 564 safety of the child. 565

(12) The parent is incarcerated at the time of the filing of 566 the motion for permanent custody or the dispositional hearing of 567 the child and will not be available to care for the child for at 568 least eighteen months after the filing of the motion for permanent 569 custody or the dispositional hearing. 570

(13) The parent is repeatedly incarcerated, and the repeated 571 incarceration prevents the parent from providing care for the 572 child. 573

(14) The parent for any reason is unwilling to provide food, 574 clothing, shelter, and other basic necessities for the child or to 575 prevent the child from suffering physical, emotional, or sexual 576 abuse or physical, emotional, or mental neglect. 577

(15) The parent has committed abuse as described in section 578 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child or caused or 579 allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in section 580 2151.03 of the Revised Code, and the court determines that the 581

seriousness, nature, or likelihood of recurrence of the abuse or 582 neglect makes the child's placement with the child's parent a 583 threat to the child's safety. 584 (16) Any other factor the court considers relevant. 585 (F) The parents of a child for whom the court has issued an 586 order granting permanent custody pursuant to this section, upon 587 the issuance of the order, cease to be parties to the action. This 588 division is not intended to eliminate or restrict any right of the 589 parents to appeal the granting of permanent custody of their child 590 to a movant pursuant to this section. 591

Sec. 2151.415. (A) Except for cases in which a motion for 592 permanent custody described in division (D)(1) of section 2151.413 593 of the Revised Code is required to be made, a public children 594 services agency or private child placing agency that has been 595 given temporary custody of a child pursuant to section 2151.353 of 596 the Revised Code, not later than thirty days prior to the earlier 597 of the date for the termination of the custody order pursuant to 598 division (F)(G) of section 2151.353 of the Revised Code or the 599 date set at the dispositional hearing for the hearing to be held 600 pursuant to this section, shall file a motion with the court that 601 issued the order of disposition requesting that any of the 602 following orders of disposition of the child be issued by the 603 court: 604

(1) An order that the child be returned home and the custody
605 of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian without any
606 restrictions;
(2) An order for protective supervision;
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(3) An order that the child be placed in the legal custody of 609

a relative or other interested individual; 610

(4) An order permanently terminating the parental rights of 611

(5) An order that the child be placed in a planned permanent613living arrangement;614

(6) In accordance with division (D) of this section, an order615for the extension of temporary custody.616

(B) Upon the filing of a motion pursuant to division (A) of 617 this section, the court shall hold a dispositional hearing on the 618 date set at the dispositional hearing held pursuant to section 619 2151.35 of the Revised Code, with notice to all parties to the 620 action in accordance with the Juvenile Rules. After the 621 dispositional hearing or at a date after the dispositional hearing 622 that is not later than one year after the earlier of the date on 623 which the complaint in the case was filed or the child was first 624 placed into shelter care, the court, in accordance with the best 625 interest of the child as supported by the evidence presented at 626 the dispositional hearing, shall issue an order of disposition as 627 set forth in division (A) of this section, except that all orders 628 for permanent custody shall be made in accordance with sections 629 2151.413 and 2151.414 of the Revised Code. In issuing an order of 630 disposition under this section, the court shall comply with 631 section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. 632

(C)(1) If an agency pursuant to division (A) of this section 633 requests the court to place a child into a planned permanent 634 living arrangement, the agency shall present evidence to indicate 635 why a planned permanent living arrangement is appropriate for the 636 child, including, but not limited to, evidence that the agency has 637 tried or considered all other possible dispositions for the child. 638 A court shall not place a child in a planned permanent living 639 arrangement, unless it finds, by clear and convincing evidence, 640 that a planned permanent living arrangement is in the best 641 interest of the child and that one of the following exists: 642

(a) The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological
problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting
and must remain in residential or institutional care.

(b) The parents of the child have significant physical, 646 mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the 647 child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best 648 interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division 649 (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code, and the child 650 retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or 651 relative; 652

(c) The child is sixteen years of age or older, has been
counseled on the permanent placement options available, is
unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent placement,
and is in an agency program preparing for independent living.

(2) If the court issues an order placing a child in a planned657permanent living arrangement, both of the following apply:658

(a) The court shall issue a finding of fact setting forth the 659reasons for its finding; 660

(b) The agency may make any appropriate placement for the
child and shall develop a case plan for the child that is designed
to assist the child in finding a permanent home outside of the
home of the parents.

(D)(1) If an agency pursuant to division (A) of this section 665 requests the court to grant an extension of temporary custody for 666 a period of up to six months, the agency shall include in the 667 motion an explanation of the progress on the case plan of the 668 child and of its expectations of reunifying the child with the 669 child's family, or placing the child in a permanent placement, 670 within the extension period. The court shall schedule a hearing on 671 the motion, give notice of its date, time, and location to all 672 parties and the guardian ad litem of the child, and at the hearing 673

consider the evidence presented by the parties and the guardian ad 674 litem. The court may extend the temporary custody order of the 675 child for a period of up to six months, if it determines at the 676 hearing, by clear and convincing evidence, that the extension is 677 in the best interest of the child, there has been significant 678 progress on the case plan of the child, and there is reasonable 679 cause to believe that the child will be reunified with one of the 680 parents or otherwise permanently placed within the period of 681 extension. In determining whether to extend the temporary custody 682 of the child pursuant to this division, the court shall comply 683 with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. If the court extends the 684 temporary custody of the child pursuant to this division, upon 685 request it shall issue findings of fact. 686

(2) Prior to the end of the extension granted pursuant to 687 division (D)(1) of this section, the agency that received the 688 extension shall file a motion with the court requesting the 689 issuance of one of the orders of disposition set forth in 690 divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section or requesting the court to 691 extend the temporary custody order of the child for an additional 692 period of up to six months. If the agency requests the issuance of 693 an order of disposition under divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this 694 section or does not file any motion prior to the expiration of the 695 extension period, the court shall conduct a hearing in accordance 696 with division (B) of this section and issue an appropriate order 697 of disposition. In issuing an order of disposition, the court 698 shall comply with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. 699

If the agency requests an additional extension of up to six 700 months of the temporary custody order of the child, the court 701 shall schedule and conduct a hearing in the manner set forth in 702 division (D)(1) of this section. The court may extend the 703 temporary custody order of the child for an additional period of 704 up to six months if it determines at the hearing, by clear and 705

convincing evidence, that the additional extension is in the best 706 interest of the child, there has been substantial additional 707 progress since the original extension of temporary custody in the 708 case plan of the child, there has been substantial additional 709 progress since the original extension of temporary custody toward 710 reunifying the child with one of the parents or otherwise 711 permanently placing the child, and there is reasonable cause to 712 believe that the child will be reunified with one of the parents 713 or otherwise placed in a permanent setting before the expiration 714 of the additional extension period. In determining whether to 715 grant an additional extension, the court shall comply with section 716 2151.42 of the Revised Code. If the court extends the temporary 717 custody of the child for an additional period pursuant to this 718 division, upon request it shall issue findings of fact. 719

(3) Prior to the end of the extension of a temporary custody 720 order granted pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section, the 721 agency that received the extension shall file a motion with the 722 court requesting the issuance of one of the orders of disposition 723 set forth in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section. Upon the 724 filing of the motion by the agency or, if the agency does not file 725 the motion prior to the expiration of the extension period, upon 726 its own motion, the court, prior to the expiration of the 727 extension period, shall conduct a hearing in accordance with 728 division (B) of this section and issue an appropriate order of 729 disposition. In issuing an order of disposition, the court shall 730 comply with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. 731

(4) No court shall grant an agency more than two extensions
of temporary custody pursuant to division (D) of this section and
the court shall not order an existing temporary custody order to
continue beyond two years after the date on which the complaint
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was filed or the child was first placed into shelter care,
whichever date is earlier, regardless of whether any extensions
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have been previously ordered pursuant to division (D) of this 738 section. 739

(E) After the issuance of an order pursuant to division (B) 740 of this section, the court shall retain jurisdiction over the 741 child until the child attains the age of eighteen if the child is 742 not mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically 743 impaired, the child attains the age of twenty-one if the child is 744 mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically 745 impaired, or the child is adopted and a final decree of adoption 746 is issued, unless the court's jurisdiction over the child is 747 extended pursuant to division (E) of section 2151.353 of the 748 Revised Code. 749

(F) The court, on its own motion or the motion of the agency 750 or person with legal custody of the child, the child's guardian ad 751 litem, or any other party to the action, may conduct a hearing 752 with notice to all parties to determine whether any order issued 753 pursuant to this section should be modified or terminated or 754 whether any other dispositional order set forth in divisions 755 (A)(1) to (5) of this section should be issued. After the hearing 756 and consideration of all the evidence presented, the court, in 757 accordance with the best interest of the child, may modify or 758 terminate any order issued pursuant to this section or issue any 759 dispositional order set forth in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this 760 section. In rendering a decision under this division, the court 761 shall comply with section 2151.42 of the Revised Code. 762

(G) If the court places a child in a planned permanent living
arrangement with a public children services agency or a private
child placing agency pursuant to this section, the agency with
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which the child is placed in a planned permanent living
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arrangement shall not remove the child from the residential
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placement in which the child is originally placed pursuant to the
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case plan for the child or in which the child is placed with court

approval pursuant to this division, unless the court and the 770 quardian ad litem are given notice of the intended removal and the 771 court issues an order approving the removal or unless the removal 772 is necessary to protect the child from physical or emotional harm 773 and the agency gives the court notice of the removal and of the 774 reasons why the removal is necessary to protect the child from 775 physical or emotional harm immediately after the removal of the 776 child from the prior setting. 777

(H) If the hearing held under this section takes the place of 778
an administrative review that otherwise would have been held under 779
section 2151.416 of the Revised Code, the court at the hearing 780
held under this section shall do all of the following in addition 781
to any other requirements of this section: 782

(1) Determine the continued necessity for and the783appropriateness of the child's placement;784

(2) Determine the extent of compliance with the child's case785plan;786

(3) Determine the extent of progress that has been made
toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating the
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child's placement in foster care;
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(4) Project a likely date by which the child may be returned790to the child's home or placed for adoption or legal guardianship;791

(5) Approve the permanency plan for the child consistent with 792section 2151.417 of the Revised Code. 793

Sec. 3107.033. Not later than January 1, 2008 2009, the 794 director of job and family services shall adopt rules in 795 accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying both 796 of the following: 797

(A) The manner in which a home study is to be conducted and(A) The manner in which a home study is to be included in a home study798

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report, which shall include, pursuant to section 3107.034 of the	800
Revised Code, a summary report of a search of the uniform	801
statewide automated child welfare information system established	802
in section 5101.13 of the Revised Code \div . The director shall ensure	803
that rules adopted under this section align the home study	804
content, time period, and process with any foster care home study	805
content, time period, and process required by rules adopted under	806
section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.	807

(B) A procedure under which a person whose application for
adoption has been denied as a result of a search of the uniform
statewide automated child welfare information system established
in section 5101.13 of the Revised Code as part of the home study
may appeal the denial to the agency that employed the assessor who
filed the report.

sec. 3107.055. (A) Notwithstanding section 3107.01 of the 814
Revised Code, as used in this section, "agency" does not include a 815
public children services agency. 816

(B) An agency or attorney, whichever arranges a minor's 817 adoption, shall file with the court a preliminary estimate 818 accounting not later than the time the adoption petition for the 819 minor is filed with the court. The agency or attorney, whichever 820 arranges the adoption, also shall file a final accounting with the 821 court before a final decree of adoption is issued or an 822 interlocutory order of adoption is finalized for the minor. The 823 agency or attorney shall complete and file accountings in a manner 824 acceptable to the court. 825

An accounting shall specify all disbursements of anything of 826 value the petitioner, a person on the petitioner's behalf, and the 827 agency or attorney made and has agreed to make in connection with 828 the minor's permanent surrender under division (B) of section 829 5103.15 of the Revised Code, placement under section 5103.16 of 830

the Revised Code, and adoption under this chapter. The agency or 831 attorney shall include in an accounting an itemization of each 832 expense listed in division (C) of this section. The itemization of 833 the expenses specified in divisions (C)(3) and (4) of this section 834 shall show the amount the agency or attorney charged or is going 835 to charge for the services and the actual cost to the agency or 836 attorney of providing the services. An accounting shall indicate 837 whether any expenses listed in division (C) of this section do not 838 apply to the adoption proceeding for which the accounting is 839 filed. 840

The agency or attorney shall include with a preliminary 841 estimate accounting and a final accounting a written statement 842 signed by the petitioner that the petitioner has reviewed the 843 accounting and attests to its accuracy. 844

(C) No petitioner, person acting on a petitioner's behalf, or 845
agency or attorney shall make or agree to make any disbursements 846
in connection with the minor's permanent surrender, placement, or 847
adoption other than for the following: 848

(1) Physician expenses incurred on behalf of the birth mother
or minor in connection with prenatal care, delivery, and
confinement prior to or following the minor's birth;
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(2) Hospital or other medical facility expenses incurred on 852behalf of the birth mother or minor in connection with the minor's 853birth; 854

(3) Expenses charged by the attorney arranging the adoption
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(3) Expenses incorrection with the placement and
(3) adoption, including expenses incurred by the attorney pursuant to
(3) adoption, 3107.031, 3107.032, 3107.081, 3107.082, 3107.09,
(3) 3107.101, and 3107.12 of the Revised Code;

(4) Expenses charged by the agency arranging the adoption for860providing services in connection with the permanent surrender and861

adoption, including the agency's application fee and the expenses	862
incurred by the agency pursuant to sections 3107.031, 3107.032,	863
3107.09, 3107.101, 3107.12, 5103.151, and 5103.152 of the Revised	864
Code;	865
(5) Temporary costs of routine maintenance and medical care	866
for a minor required under section 5103.16 of the Revised Code if	867
the person seeking to adopt the minor refuses to accept placement	868
of the minor;	869
(6) Guardian ad litem fees incurred on behalf of the minor in	870
any court proceedings;	871
(7) Foster care expenses incurred in connection with any	872
temporary care and maintenance of the minor;	873
(8) Court expenses incurred in connection with the minor's	874
permanent surrender, placement, and adoption;	875
(9) Living expenses not exceeding three thousand dollars for	876
the birth mother that are incurred during pregnancy through the	877
sixtieth day after the date the minor is born and paid by the	878
petitioner to the birth mother through the attorney or agency	879
arranging the minor's adoption.	880
(D) If a court determines from an accounting that an amount	881
that is going to be disbursed for an expense listed in division	882
(C) of this section is unreasonable, the court may order a	883
reduction in the amount to be disbursed. If a court determines	884

from an accounting that an unreasonable amount was disbursed for 885 an expense listed in division (C) of this section, the court may 886 order the person who received the disbursement to refund to the 887 person who made the disbursement an amount the court orders. 888

If a court determines from an accounting that a disbursement 889 for an expense not permitted by division (C) of this section is 890 going to be made, the court may issue an injunction prohibiting 891 the disbursement. If a court determines from an accounting that a 892

disbursement for an expense not permitted by division (C) of this 893 section was made, the court may order the person who received the 894 disbursement to return it to the person who made the disbursement. 895

If a court determines that a final accounting does not 896 completely report all the disbursements that are going to be made 897 or have been made in connection with the minor's permanent 898 surrender, placement, and adoption, the court shall order the 899 agency or attorney to file with the court an accounting that 900 completely reports all such disbursements. 901

The agency or attorney shall file the final accounting with 902 the court not later than ten days prior to the date scheduled for 903 the final hearing on the adoption. The court may not issue a final 904 decree of adoption or finalize an interlocutory order of adoption 905 of a minor until at least ten days after the agency or attorney 906 files the final accounting. 907

(E) This section does not apply to an adoption by a 908 stepparent whose spouse is a biological or adoptive parent of the 909 minor. 910

Sec. 3107.06. Unless consent is not required under section 911 3107.07 of the Revised Code, a petition to adopt a minor may be 912 granted only if written consent to the adoption has been executed 913 by all of the following: 914

(A) The mother of the minor;

(B) The father of the minor, if any of the following apply: 916

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(1) The minor was conceived or born while the father was
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married to the mother;
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(2) The minor is his child by adoption; 919

(3) Prior to the date the petition was filed, it was 920 determined by a court proceeding pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 921 3111.18 of the Revised Code, a court proceeding in another state, 922

an administrative proceeding pursuant to sections 3111.38 to	923
3111.54 of the Revised Code, or an administrative proceeding in	924
another state that he has a parent and child relationship with the	925
minor;	926
(4) He acknowledged paternity of the child and that	927
acknowledgment has become final pursuant to section 2151.232,	928
3111.25, or 3111.821 of the Revised Code.	929
(C) The putative father of the minor;	930
(D) Any person or agency having permanent custody of the	931
minor or authorized by court order to consent;	932
(E) The juvenile court that has jurisdiction to determine	933
custody of the minor, if the legal guardian or custodian of the	934
minor is not authorized by law or court order to consent to the	935
adoption;	936
(F) The minor, if more than twelve years of age, unless the	937
court, finding that it is in the best interest of the minor,	938
determines that the minor's consent is not required.	939
Sec. 3107.07. Consent to adoption is not required of any of	940
the following:	941
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(A) A parent of a minor, when it is alleged in the adoption	942
petition and the court finds after proper service of notice and	943
hearing, that the parent has failed without justifiable cause to	944
do either of the following as required by law or judicial decree	945
for a period of at least one year immediately preceding either the	946
filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in	947
the home of the petitioner:	948
(1) Regularly communicate with the minor or to provide;	949
(2) Significantly provide for the maintenance and support of	950
the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at	951
least one year immediately preceding either the filing of the	952

adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the	953
petitioner.	954
(B) The putative father of a minor if either of the following	955
applies:	956
(1) The putative father fails to register as the minor's	957
putative father with the putative father registry established	958
under section 3107.062 of the Revised Code not later than thirty	959
days after the minor's birth;	960
(2) The court finds, after proper service of notice and	961
hearing, that any of the following are the case:	962
(a) The putative father is not the father of the minor;	963
(b) The putative father has willfully abandoned or failed to	964
care for and support the minor;	965
(c) The putative father has willfully abandoned the mother of	966
the minor during her pregnancy and up to the time of her surrender	967
of the minor, or the minor's placement in the home of the	968
petitioner, whichever occurs first.	969
(C) Except as provided in section 3107.071 of the Revised	970
Code, a parent who has entered into a voluntary permanent custody	971
surrender agreement under division (B) of section 5103.15 of the	972
Revised Code;	973
(D) A parent whose parental rights have been terminated by	974
order of a juvenile court under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code;	975
(E) A parent who is married to the petitioner and supports	976
the adoption;	977
(F) The father, or putative father, of a minor if the minor	978
is conceived as the result of the commission of rape by the father	979
or putative father and the father or putative father is convicted	980
of or pleads guilty to the commission of that offense. As used in	981
this division, "rape" means a violation of section 2907.02 of the	982

Revised	Code	or	а	similar	law	of	another	state.

(G) A legal guardian or guardian ad litem of a parent 984 judicially declared incompetent in a separate court proceeding who 985 has failed to respond in writing to a request for consent, for a 986 period of thirty days, or who, after examination of the written 987 reasons for withholding consent, is found by the court to be 988 withholding consent unreasonably; 989

(H) Any legal guardian or lawful custodian of the person to 990
be adopted, other than a parent, who has failed to respond in 991
writing to a request for consent, for a period of thirty days, or 992
who, after examination of the written reasons for withholding 993
consent, is found by the court to be withholding consent 994
unreasonably; 995

(I) The spouse of the person to be adopted, if the failure of 996 the spouse to consent to the adoption is found by the court to be 997 by reason of prolonged unexplained absence, unavailability, 998 incapacity, or circumstances that make it impossible or 999 unreasonably difficult to obtain the consent or refusal of the 1000 spouse; 1001

(J) Any parent, legal guardian, or other lawful custodian in 1002 a foreign country, if the person to be adopted has been released 1003 for adoption pursuant to the laws of the country in which the 1004 person resides and the release of such person is in a form that 1005 satisfies the requirements of the immigration and naturalization 1006 service of the United States department of justice for purposes of 1007 immigration to the United States pursuant to section 101(b)(1)(F) 1008 of the "Immigration and Nationality Act," 75 Stat. 650 (1961), 8 1009 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)(F), as amended or reenacted. 1010

(K) Except as provided in divisions (G) and (H) of this
section, a juvenile court, agency, or person given notice of the
petition pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 3107.11 of the

Revised Code that fails to file an objection to the petition1014within fourteen days after proof is filed pursuant to division (B)1015of that section that the notice was given;1016

(L) Any guardian, custodian, or other party who has temporary 1017custody of the child.1018

sec. 3107.101. (A) Not later than seven days after a minor to 1019 be adopted is placed in a prospective adoptive home pursuant to 1020 section 5103.16 of the Revised Code, the assessor providing 1021 placement or post placement services in the prospective adoptive 1022 home shall conduct a begin monthly prospective adoptive home visit 1023 visits in that home, every thirty days, until the court issues a 1024 final decree of adoption. During the prospective adoptive home 1025 visits, the assessor shall evaluate the progression of the 1026 placement in the prospective adoptive home. The assessor shall 1027 include the evaluation in the prefinalization assessment required 1028 under section 3107.12 of the Revised Code. 1029

(B) During the prospective home visit required under division 1030
(A) of this section, the assessor shall make face-to-face contact 1031
with the prospective adoptive parent and the minor to be adopted. 1032
The assessor shall make contact, as prescribed by rule under 1033
division (C) of this section, with all other children or adults 1034
residing in the prospective adoptive home. 1035

(C) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules
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 in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for
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 the implementation and execution of this section.
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(D) This section does not apply to an adoption by a 1039stepparent whose spouse is a biological or adoptive parent of the 1040minor to be adopted. 1041

sec. 3107.14. (A) The petitioner and the person sought to be 1042 adopted shall appear at the hearing on the petition, unless the 1043

presence of either is excused by the court for good cause shown. 1044

(B) The court may continue the hearing from time to time to 1045
permit further observation, investigation, or consideration of any 1046
facts or circumstances affecting the granting of the petition, and 1047
may examine the petitioners separate and apart from each other. 1048

(C) If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the court finds 1049 that the required consents have been obtained or excused and that 1050 the adoption is in the best interest of the person sought to be 1051 adopted as supported by the evidence, it may issue, subject to 1052 division (C)(1) of section 2151.86, section 3107.064, and division 1053 (E) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code, and any other 1054 limitations specified in this chapter, a final decree of adoption 1055 or an interlocutory order of adoption, which by its own terms 1056 automatically becomes a final decree of adoption on a date 1057 specified in the order, which, except as provided in division (B) 1058 of section 3107.13 of the Revised Code, shall not be less than six 1059 months or more than one year from the date of issuance of the 1060 order the person to be adopted is placed in the petitioner's home, 1061 unless sooner vacated by the court for good cause shown. In 1062 determining whether the adoption is in the best interest of the 1063 person sought to be adopted, the court shall not consider the age 1064 of the petitioner if the petitioner is old enough to adopt as 1065 provided by section 3107.03 of the Revised Code. 1066

In an interlocutory order of adoption, the court shall 1067 provide for observation, investigation, and a further report on 1068 the adoptive home during the interlocutory period. 1069

(D) If the requirements for a decree under division (C) of 1070
this section have not been satisfied or the court vacates an 1071
interlocutory order of adoption, or if the court finds that a 1072
person sought to be adopted was placed in the home of the 1073
petitioner in violation of law, the court shall dismiss the 1074
petition and may determine the agency or person to have temporary 1075

or permanent custody of the person, which may include the agency 1076 or person that had custody prior to the filing of the petition or 1077 the petitioner, if the court finds it is in the best interest of 1078 the person as supported by the evidence, or if the person is a 1079 minor, the court may certify the case to the juvenile court of the 1080 county where the minor is then residing for appropriate action and 1081 disposition. 1082

(E) The issuance of a final decree or interlocutory order of 1083 adoption for an adult adoption under division (A)(4) of section 1084 3107.02 of the Revised Code shall not disqualify that adult for 1085 services under section 2151.82 or 2151.83 of the Revised Code. 1086

Sec. 3107.66. (A) As used in this section: 1087

(1) "Adopted person" includes both an "adopted person" as 1088 defined in section 3107.39 of the Revised Code and an "adopted 1089 person" as defined in section 3107.45 of the Revised Code. 1090

(2) "Adoptive parent" means a person who adopted an adopted 1091 1092 person.

(3) "Birth parent" means the biological parent of an adopted 1093 person. 1094

(4) "Birth sibling" means a biological sibling of an adopted 1095 person. 1096

(5) "Nonidentifying information" means information that is 1097 not identifying information as defined in section 3107.01 of the 1098 <u>Revised Code.</u> 1099

(B) An adopted person age eighteen or older, an adoptive 1100 parent of an adopted person under age eighteen, or an adoptive 1101 family member of a deceased adopted person may submit a written 1102 request to the agency or attorney who arranged the adopted 1103 person's adoption, or the probate court that finalized the adopted 1104 person's adoption, for the agency, attorney, or court to provide 1105

the adopted person, adoptive parent, or adoptive family member 1106 information about the adopted person's birth parent or birth 1107 sibling contained in the agency's, attorney's, or court's adoption 1108 records that is nonidentifying information. Except as provided in 1109 division (C) of this section, the agency, attorney, or court shall 1110 provide the adopted person, adoptive parent, or adoptive family 1111 member the information sought within a reasonable amount of time. 1112 The agency, attorney, or court may charge a reasonable fee for 1113 providing the information. 1114

A birth parent of an adopted person eighteen years of age or 1115 older, a birth sibling age eighteen or older, or a birth family 1116 member of a deceased birth parent may submit a written request to 1117 the agency or attorney who arranged the adopted person's adoption, 1118 or the probate court that finalized the adoption, for the agency, 1119 attorney, or court to provide the birth parent, birth sibling, or 1120 birth family member information about the adopted person or 1121 adoptive parent contained in the agency's, attorney's, or court's 1122 adoption records that is nonidentifying information. Except as 1123 provided in division (C) of this section, the agency, attorney, or 1124 court shall provide the birth parent, birth sibling, or birth 1125 family member the information sought within a reasonable amount of 1126 time. The agency, attorney, or court may charge a reasonable fee 1127 for providing the information. 1128

(C) An agency or attorney that has permanently ceased to 1129 arrange adoptions is not subject to division (B) of this section. 1130 If the adoption records of such an agency or attorney are held by 1131 a probate court, person, or other governmental entity pursuant to 1132 section 3107.67 of the Revised Code, the adopted person, adoptive 1133 parent, adoptive family member, birth parent, birth sibling, or 1134 birth family member may submit the written request that otherwise 1135 would be submitted to the agency or attorney under division (B) of 1136 this section to the court, person, or other governmental entity 1137

that holds the records. On receipt of the request, the court, 1138 person, or other governmental entity shall provide the information 1139 that the agency or attorney would have been required to provide 1140 within a reasonable amount of time. The court, person, or other 1141 governmental entity may charge a reasonable fee for providing the 1142 information. 1143

(D) Prior to providing nonidentifying information pursuant to 1144
division (B) or (C) of this section, the person or governmental 1145
entity providing the information shall review the record to ensure 1146
that all identifying information about any person contained in the 1147
record is deleted. 1148

Sec. 3313.6011. (A) As used in this section, "sexual1149activity" has the same meaning as in section 2907.01 of the1150Revised Code.1151

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(C) In adopting minimum standards under section 3301.07 of 1159
the Revised Code, the state board of education shall require 1160
course material and instruction in venereal disease education 1161
courses taught pursuant to division (A)(5)(c) of section 3313.60 1162
of the Revised Code to do all of the following: 1163

(1) Stress that students should abstain from sexual activity 1164until after marriage; 1165

(2) Teach the potential physical, psychological, emotional, 1166and social side effects of participating in sexual activity 1167

outside of marriage; 1168 (3) Teach that conceiving children out of wedlock is likely 1169 to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents, 1170 and society; 1171 (4) Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious 1172 possible hazards of sexual activity; 1173 (5) Advise students of the laws pertaining to financial 1174 responsibility of parents to children born in and out of wedlock; 1175 (6) Advise students of the circumstances under which it is 1176 criminal to have sexual contact with a person under the age of 1177 sixteen pursuant to section 2907.04 of the Revised Code; 1178 (7) Emphasize adoption as an option for unintended 1179 pregnancies. 1180 (D) Any model education program for health education the 1181 state board of education adopts shall conform to the requirements 1182 of this section. 1183 (E) On and after March 18, 1999, and notwithstanding section 1184 3302.07 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public 1185 instruction shall not approve, pursuant to section 3302.07 of the 1186 Revised Code, any waiver of any requirement of this section or of 1187 any rule adopted by the state board of education pursuant to this 1188 section. 1189 sec. 3317.024. In addition to the moneys paid to eligible 1190 school districts pursuant to section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, 1191 moneys appropriated for the education programs in divisions (A) to 1192

(I), (K), (L), and (N) of this section shall be distributed to 1193 school districts meeting the requirements of section 3317.01 of 1194 the Revised Code; in the case of divisions (G) and (L) of this 1195 section, to educational service centers as provided in section 1196 3317.11 of the Revised Code; in the case of divisions (D) and (J) 1197

of this section, to county MR/DD boards; in the case of division 1198 (N) of this section, to joint vocational school districts; in the 1199 case of division (H) of this section, to cooperative education 1200 school districts; and in the case of division (M) of this section, 1201 to the institutions defined under section 3317.082 of the Revised 1202 Code providing elementary or secondary education programs to 1203 children other than children receiving special education under 1204 section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. The following shall be 1205 distributed monthly, quarterly, or annually as may be determined 1206 by the state board of education: 1207

(A) An amount for each island school district and each joint 1208
state school district for the operation of each high school and 1209
each elementary school maintained within such district and for 1210
capital improvements for such schools. Such amounts shall be 1211
determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of 1212
education. 1213

(B) An amount for each school district operating classes for 1214 children of migrant workers who are unable to be in attendance in 1215 an Ohio school during the entire regular school year. The amounts 1216 shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state 1217 board of education, except that payment shall be made only for 1218 subjects regularly offered by the school district providing the 1219 classes. 1220

(C) An amount for each school district with guidance,
testing, and counseling programs approved by the state board of
education. The amount shall be determined on the basis of
standards adopted by the state board of education.

(D) An amount for the emergency purchase of school buses as 1225provided for in section 3317.07 of the Revised Code; 1226

(E) An amount for each school district required to paytuition for a child in an institution maintained by the department1228

of youth services pursuant to section 3317.082 of the Revised1229Code, provided the child was not included in the calculation of1230the district's average daily membership for the preceding school1231year.1232

(F) An amount for adult basic literacy education for each
district participating in programs approved by the state board of
education. The amount shall be determined on the basis of
standards adopted by the state board of education.

(G) An amount for the approved cost of transporting eligible 1237 pupils with disabilities attending a special education program 1238 approved by the department of education whom it is impossible or 1239 impractical to transport by regular school bus in the course of 1240 regular route transportation provided by the district or service 1241 center. No district or service center is eligible to receive a 1242 payment under this division for the cost of transporting any pupil 1243 whom it transports by regular school bus and who is included in 1244 the district's transportation ADM. The state board of education 1245 shall establish standards and guidelines for use by the department 1246 of education in determining the approved cost of such 1247 transportation for each district or service center. 1248

(H) An amount to each school district, including each 1249 cooperative education school district, pursuant to section 3313.81 1250 of the Revised Code to assist in providing free lunches to needy 1251 children and an amount to assist needy school districts in 1252 purchasing necessary equipment for food preparation. The amounts 1253 shall be determined on the basis of rules adopted by the state 1254 board of education. 1255

(I) An amount to each school district, for each pupil 1256 attending a chartered nonpublic elementary or high school within 1257 the district. The amount shall equal the amount appropriated for 1258 the implementation of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code divided 1259 by the average daily membership in grades kindergarten through 1260

twelve in nonpublic elementary and high schools within the state1261as determined during the first full week in October of each school1262year.1263

(J) An amount for each county MR/DD board, distributed on the 1264
basis of standards adopted by the state board of education, for 1265
the approved cost of transportation required for children 1266
attending special education programs operated by the county MR/DD 1267
board under section 3323.09 of the Revised Code; 1268

(K) An amount for each school district that establishes a 1269 mentor teacher program that complies with rules of the state board 1270 of education. No school district shall be required to establish or 1271 maintain such a program in any year unless sufficient funds are 1272 appropriated to cover the district's total costs for the program. 1273

(L) An amount to each school district or educational service 1274 center for the total number of gifted units approved pursuant to 1275 section 3317.05 of the Revised Code. The amount for each such unit 1276 shall be the sum of the minimum salary for the teacher of the 1277 unit, calculated on the basis of the teacher's training level and 1278 years of experience pursuant to the salary schedule prescribed in 1279 the version of section 3317.13 of the Revised Code in effect prior 1280 to July 1, 2001, plus fifteen per cent of that minimum salary 1281 amount, plus two thousand six hundred seventy-eight dollars. 1282

(M) An amount to each institution defined under section
3317.082 of the Revised Code providing elementary or secondary
education to children other than children receiving special
education under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. This amount
for any institution in any fiscal year shall equal the total of
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all tuition amounts required to be paid to the institution under
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division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 of the Revised Code.

(N) A grant to each school district and joint vocational 1290school district that operates a "graduation, reality, and 1291

dual-role skills" (GRADS) program for pregnant and parenting 1292 students that is approved by the department. The amount of the 1293 payment shall be the district's state share percentage, as defined 1294 in section 3317.022 or 3317.16 of the Revised Code, times the 1295 GRADS personnel allowance times the full-time-equivalent number of 1296 GRADS teachers approved by the department. The GRADS personnel 1297 allowance is \$47,555 in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. The GRADS 1298 program shall include instruction on adoption as an option for 1299 unintended pregnancies. 1300

The state board of education or any other board of education 1301 or governing board may provide for any resident of a district or 1302 educational service center territory any educational service for 1303 which funds are made available to the board by the United States 1304 under the authority of public law, whether such funds come 1305 directly or indirectly from the United States or any agency or 1306 department thereof or through the state or any agency, department, 1307 or political subdivision thereof. 1308

Sec. 5103.03. (A) The director of job and family services1309shall adopt rules as necessary for the adequate and competent1310management of institutions or associations. The director shall1311ensure that foster care home study rules adopted under this1312section align any home study content, time period, and process1313with any home study content, time period, and process required by1314rules adopted under section 3107.033 of the Revised Code.1315

(B)(1) Except for facilities under the control of the 1316 department of youth services, places of detention for children 1317 established and maintained pursuant to sections 2152.41 to 2152.44 1318 of the Revised Code, and child day-care centers subject to Chapter 1319 5104. of the Revised Code, the department of job and family 1320 services every two years shall pass upon the fitness of every 1321 institution and association that receives, or desires to receive 1322

(2) When the department of job and family services is 1324 satisfied as to the care given such children, and that the 1325 requirements of the statutes and rules covering the management of 1326 such institutions and associations are being complied with, it 1327 shall issue to the institution or association a certificate to 1328 that effect. A certificate is valid for two years, unless sooner 1329 revoked by the department. When determining whether an institution 1330 or association meets a particular requirement for certification, 1331 the department may consider the institution or association to have 1332 met the requirement if the institution or association shows to the 1333 department's satisfaction that it has met a comparable requirement 1334 to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation 1335 organization. 1336

(3) The department may issue a temporary certificate valid
for less than one year authorizing an institution or association
to operate until minimum requirements have been met.
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(4) An institution or association that knowingly makes a
false statement that is included as a part of certification under
this section is guilty of the offense of falsification under
section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and the department shall not
certify that institution or association.

(C) The department may revoke a certificate if it finds that 1345 the institution or association is in violation of law or rule. No 1346 juvenile court shall commit a child to an association or 1347 institution that is required to be certified under this section if 1348 its certificate has been revoked or, if after revocation, the date 1349 of reissue is less than fifteen months prior to the proposed 1350 commitment. 1351

(D) Every two years, on a date specified by the department, 1352 each institution or association desiring certification or 1353

recertification shall submit to the department a report showing 1354 its condition, management, competency to care adequately for the 1355 children who have been or may be committed to it or to whom it 1356 provides care or services, the system of visitation it employs for 1357 children placed in private homes, and other information the 1358 department requires. 1359

(E) The department shall, not less than once each year, send
a list of certified institutions and associations to each juvenile
court and certified association or institution.

(F) No person shall receive children or receive or solicit
 money on behalf of such an institution or association not so
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 certified or whose certificate has been revoked.
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(G) The director may delegate by rule any duties imposed on 1366
it by this section to inspect and approve family foster homes and 1367
specialized foster homes to public children services agencies, 1368
private child placing agencies, or private noncustodial agencies. 1369

(H) If the director of job and family services determines 1370 that an institution or association that cares for children is 1371 operating without a certificate, the director may petition the 1372 court of common pleas in the county in which the institution or 1373 association is located for an order enjoining its operation. The 1374 court shall grant injunctive relief upon a showing that the 1375 institution or association is operating without a certificate. 1376

(I) If both of the following are the case, the director of 1377 job and family services may petition the court of common pleas of 1378 any county in which an institution or association that holds a 1379 certificate under this section operates for an order, and the 1380 court may issue an order, preventing the institution or 1381 association from receiving additional children into its care or an 1382 order removing children from its care: 1383

(1) The department has evidence that the life, health, or 1384

safety of one or more children in the care of the institution or 1385 association is at imminent risk. 1386 (2) The department has issued a proposed adjudication order 1387 pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to deny renewal of or 1388 revoke the certificate of the institution or association. 1389 Sec. 5107.30. (A) As used in this section: 1390 (1) "Equivalent of a high school diploma" and "good cause" 1391 have the meanings established in rules adopted under section 1392 5107.05 of the Revised Code. 1393 (2) "Participating teen" means an individual to whom all of 1394 the following apply: 1395 (a) The individual is a participant of Ohio works first; 1396 (b) The individual is under age eighteen or is age eighteen 1397 and in school and is a natural or adoptive parent or is pregnant; 1398 1399 (c) The individual is subject to the LEAP program's requirements. 1400 (3) "School" means an educational program that is designed to 1401 lead to the attainment of a high school diploma or the equivalent 1402 of a high school diploma. 1403 (B) The director of job and family services may conduct a 1404 program titled the "LEAP program" in accordance with rules adopted 1405 under section 5107.05 of the Revised Code. The purpose of the LEAP 1406 program is to encourage teens to complete school. The LEAP program 1407 shall provide information on adoption as an option for unintended 1408 pregnancies to participating teens. 1409

Every participating teen shall attend school in accordance1410with the requirements governing the LEAP program unless the1411participating teen shows good cause for not attending school. The1412department shall provide, in addition to the cash assistance1413

payment provided under Ohio works first, an incentive payment, in 1414 an amount determined by the department, to every participating 1415 teen who attends school in accordance with the requirements 1416 governing the LEAP program. In addition to the incentive payment, 1417 the department may provide other incentives to participating teens 1418 who attend school in accordance with the LEAP program's 1419 requirements. The department shall reduce the cash assistance 1420 payment, in an amount determined by the department, under Ohio 1421 works first to every participating teen who fails or refuses, 1422 without good cause, to meet the LEAP program's requirements. 1423

Every participating teen shall enter into a written agreement 1424 with the county department of job and family services that 1425 specifies all of the following: 1426

(1) The participating teen, to be eligible to receive the
incentive payment and other incentives, if any, under this
section, must meet the requirements of the LEAP program.
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(2) The incentive payment and other incentives, if any, will 1430be provided if the participating teen meets the requirements of 1431the LEAP program. 1432

(3) The participating teen's cash assistance payment under
Ohio works first will be reduced if the participating teen fails
or refuses without good cause to attend school in accordance with
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the requirements governing the LEAP program.

(C) A minor head of household's participation in the LEAP
program shall be counted in determining whether a county
department of job and family services meets the requirement of
section 5107.44 of the Revised Code.

(D) Subject to the availability of funds, county departments
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 of job and family services shall provide for participating teens
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 to receive support services the county department determines to be
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 necessary for LEAP participation. Support services may include
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publicly funded child care under Chapter 5104. of the Revised1445Code, transportation, and other services.1446

sec. 5153.122. Each PCSA caseworker hired after January 1, 1447 2007, shall complete at least one hundred two hours of in-service 1448 training during the first year of the caseworker's continuous 1449 employment as a PCSA caseworker, except that the executive 1450 director of the public children services agency may waive the 1451 training requirement for a school of social work graduate who 1452 participated in the university partnership program described in 1453 division (D) of section 5101.141 of the Revised Code. The training 1454 shall consist of courses in recognizing all of the following: 1455

(A) Recognizing, accepting reports of, and preventing child 1456 abuse, neglect, and dependency; assessing 1457

(B) Assessing child safety; assessing 1458

<u>(C) Assessing</u> risks; interviewing

(D) Interviewing persons; investigating 1460

(E) Investigating cases; intervening 1461

<u>(F) Intervening</u>; providing

(G) Providing services to children and their families; the 1463 (H) The importance of and need for accurate data; preparation 1464

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(I) Preparation for court; maintenance 1466

(J) Maintenance of case record information; and other 1467

(K) Other topics relevant to child abuse, neglect, and 1468 dependency. The training shall also include courses in the; 1469

(L) The legal duties of PCSA caseworkers to protect the 1470 constitutional and statutory rights of children and families from 1471 the initial time of contact during investigation through treatment 1472

that shall include, including instruction regarding parents'1473rights and the limitations that the Fourth Amendment to the United1474States Constitution places upon caseworkers and their1475investigations;1476

(M) Educating pregnant or parenting persons who are the1477subjects of the caseworker's cases on adoption as an option for1478unintendend pregnancies.1479

After a PCSA caseworker's first year of continuous employment 1480 as a PCSA caseworker, the caseworker annually shall complete 1481 thirty-six hours of training in areas relevant to the caseworker's 1482 assigned duties. 1483

During the first two years of continuous employment as a PCSA 1484 caseworker, each PCSA caseworker shall complete at least twelve 1485 hours of training in recognizing the signs of domestic violence 1486 and its relationship to child abuse as established in rules the 1487 director of job and family services shall adopt pursuant to 1488 Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The twelve hours may be in 1489 addition to the training required during the caseworker's first 1490 year of employment or part of the training required during the 1491 second year of employment. 1492

sec. 5153.123. Each PCSA caseworker supervisor shall complete 1493 at least sixty hours of in-service training during the first year 1494 of the supervisor's continuous employment as a PCSA caseworker 1495 supervisor. The training shall include courses in screening 1496 reports of child abuse, neglect, or dependency, and promoting the 1497 education of pregnant or parenting persons who are the subjects of 1498 a PCSA caseworker's cases on adoption as an option for unintended 1499 pregnancies. After a PCSA caseworker supervisor's first year of 1500 continuous employment as a PCSA caseworker supervisor, the 1501 supervisor annually shall complete thirty hours of training in 1502 areas relevant to the supervisor's assigned duties. During the 1503

first two years of continuous employment as a PCSA caseworker 1504 supervisor, each PCSA caseworker supervisor shall complete at 1505 least twelve hours of training in recognizing the signs of 1506 domestic violence and its relationship to child abuse as 1507 established in rules the director of job and family services shall 1508 adopt pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The twelve 1509 hours may be in addition to the training required during the 1510 supervisor's first year of employment or part of the training 1511 required during the second year of employment. 1512

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.353, 2151.361,15132151.414, 2151.415, 3107.033, 3107.055, 3107.06, 3107.07,15143107.101, 3107.14, 3107.66, 3313.6011, 3317.024, 5103.03, 5107.30,15155153.122, and 5153.123 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.15161517

Section 3. The Director of Job and Family Services shall 1518 establish a Child-Centered Recruitment Task Force. The Task Force 1519 shall consist of the Director of Job and Family Services, adoption 1520 professionals, and at least one professional from a public 1521 children services agency, private noncustodial agency, and private 1522 child placing agency. One member of the Task Force shall represent 1523 an agency that has created, utilized, or is currently utilizing, 1524 child-centered recruitment. Members of the Task Force shall serve 1525 without compensation. 1526

The Department of Job and Family Services shall provide the1527Task Force with meeting space and administrative support.1528

The Task Force shall compile all effective procedures, 1529 models, and other relevant information regarding child-centered 1530 recruitment that public children services agencies, private 1531 noncustodial agencies, and private child placing agencies 1532 currently using child-centered recruitment utilize when seeking 1533 adoptive families for children in permanent custody. 1534

After compiling the procedures, models, or other relevant 1535 information, the Task Force shall create a uniform child-centered 1536 recruitment model based on the information compiled. The model 1537 shall include recommendations for finding an adoptive family for 1538 both of the following: (1) a child who has been in the custody of 1539 a public children services agency for at least one year and (2) a 1540 child who is nine years of age or older, in the custody of a 1541 public children services agency, and does not have a potential 1542 adoptive family identified. Not later than December 1, 2008, the 1543 Task Force shall disseminate the model to all public children 1544 services agencies, private noncustodial agencies, and private 1545 child placing agencies in this state. Upon dissemination of the 1546 uniform child-centered recruitment model, the Task Force shall 1547 cease to exist. 1548