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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 2151.3516 and 2151.3530 of the 1  
Revised Code to increase the time after birth that 2  
a parent may voluntarily deliver the child to a 3  
safe haven without the parent expressing an intent 4  
to return for the child and to require the 5  
Department of Job and Family Services to develop 6  
an educational plan for informing at-risk 7  
populations of the provisions of the Safe Havens 8  
Law. 9

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2151.3516 and 2151.3530 of the 10  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 2151.3516.** The following persons, while acting in an 12  
official capacity, shall take possession of a child who is 13  
~~seventy-two hours~~ thirty days old or younger if that child's 14  
parent has voluntarily delivered the child to that person without 15  
the parent expressing an intent to return for the child. 16

(A) A peace officer on behalf of the law enforcement agency 17

that employs the officer; 18

(B) A hospital employee on behalf of the hospital that has 19  
granted the person privilege to practice at the hospital or that 20  
employs the person; 21

(C) An emergency medical service worker on behalf of the 22  
emergency medical service organization that employs the worker or 23  
for which the worker provides services. 24

**Sec. 2151.3530.** (A) The director of job and family services 25  
shall distribute the medical information forms and written 26  
materials promulgated under section 2151.3529 of the Revised Code 27  
to entities permitted to receive a deserted child, to public 28  
children services agencies, and to other public or private 29  
agencies that, in the discretion of the director, are best able to 30  
disseminate the forms and materials to the persons who are most in 31  
need of the forms and materials. 32

The department of job and family services shall develop an 33  
educational plan, in collaboration with the Ohio family and 34  
children first cabinet council, for informing at-risk populations 35  
who are most likely to voluntarily deliver a child under section 36  
2151.3516 of the Revised Code concerning the provisions of 37  
sections 2151.3516 to 2151.3530 of the Revised Code. 38

(B) If the department of job and family services determines 39  
that money in the putative father registry fund created under 40  
section 2101.16 of the Revised Code is more than is needed to 41  
perform its duties related to the putative father registry, the 42  
department may use surplus moneys in the fund for costs related to 43  
the distribution of forms and materials pursuant to this section. 44

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2151.3516 and 2151.3530 of 45  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 46