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A BILL

То	amend sections 339.89, 2151.03, 2903.341, and	1
	2919.22 of the Revised Code to eliminate the	2
	exemption from the tuberculosis treatment	3
	requirements for minors of parents who rely	4
	exclusively on spiritual treatment through prayer,	5
	to eliminate the exemption in Chapter 2151. of the	6
	Revised Code from criminal prosecution for persons	7
	who fail to provide medical treatment for children	8
	because of religious beliefs, to similarly limit	9
	the exemption for treatment of mentally retarded	10
	and developmentally disabled persons, and to	11
	eliminate the exception to endangering children	12
	for persons who treat a child's physical or mental	13
	illness through prayer alone in accordance with	14
	the tenets of a recognized religious body.	15

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

Section 1. That sections 339.89, 2151.03, 2903.341, and	16
2919.22 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	17
Sec. 339.89. Sections 339.71 to 339.88 of the Revised Code,	18
and the rules for tuberculosis adopted under section 3701.146 of	19

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(B) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as subjecting	50
a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child to criminal liability	51
when, solely in the practice of religious beliefs, the parent,	52
guardian, or custodian fails to provide adequate medical or	53
surgical care or treatment for the child. This division does not	54
abrogate or limit any person's responsibility under section	55
2151.421 of the Revised Code to report child abuse that is known	56
or reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred, child	57
neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have	58
occurred, and children who are known to face or are reasonably	59
suspected or believed to be facing a threat of suffering abuse or	60
neglect and does not preclude any exercise of the authority of the	61
state, any political subdivision, or any court to ensure that	62
medical or surgical care or treatment is provided to a child when	63
the child's health requires the provision of medical or surgical	64
care or treatment.	65

Sec. 2903.341. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "MR/DD caretaker" means any MR/DD employee or any person 67 who assumes the duty to provide for the care and protection of a 68 mentally retarded person or a developmentally disabled person on a 69 voluntary basis, by contract, through receipt of payment for care 70 and protection, as a result of a family relationship, or by order 71 of a court of competent jurisdiction. "MR/DD caretaker" includes a 72 person who is an employee of a care facility and a person who is 73 an employee of an entity under contract with a provider. "MR/DD 74 caretaker" does not include a person who owns, operates, or 75 administers a care facility or who is an agent of a care facility 76 unless that person also personally provides care to persons with 77 mental retardation or a developmental disability. 78
- (2) "Mentally retarded person" and "developmentally disabled 79 person" have the same meanings as in section 5123.01 of the 80

Revised Code.	81
(3) "MR/DD employee" has the same meaning as in section	82
5123.50 of the Revised Code.	83
(B) No MR/DD caretaker shall create a substantial risk to the	84
health or safety of a mentally retarded person or a	85
developmentally disabled person. An MR/DD caretaker does not	86
create a substantial risk to the health or safety of $\frac{1}{2}$ an adult	87
mentally retarded person or a developmentally disabled person	88
under this division when the MR/DD caretaker treats a physical or	89
mental illness or defect of the mentally retarded person or	90
developmentally disabled person by spiritual means through prayer	91
alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious	92
body.	93
(C) No person who owns, operates, or administers a care	94
facility or who is an agent of a care facility shall condone, or	95
knowingly permit, any conduct by an MR/DD caretaker who is	96
employed by or under the control of the owner, operator,	97
administrator, or agent that is in violation of division (B) of	98
this section and that involves a mentally retarded person or a	99
developmentally disabled person who is under the care of the	100
owner, operator, administrator, or agent. A person An adult who	101
relies upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone, in	102
accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious denomination,	103
shall not be considered endangered under this division for that	104
reason alone.	105
(D)(1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of a	106
violation of division (B) or (C) of this section that the actor's	107
conduct was committed in good faith solely because the actor was	108
ordered to commit the conduct by a person to whom one of the	109
following applies:	110

(a) The person has supervisory authority over the actor.

(b) The person has authority over the actor's conduct	112
pursuant to a contract for the provision of services.	113
(2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation	114
of division (C) of this section that the person who owns,	115
operates, or administers a care facility or who is an agent of a	116
care facility and who is charged with the violation is following	117
the individual service plan for the involved mentally retarded	118
person or a developmentally disabled person or that the admission,	119
discharge, and transfer rule set forth in the Administrative Code	120
is being followed.	121
(3) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation	122
of division (C) of this section that the actor did not have	123
readily available a means to prevent either the harm to the person	124
with mental retardation or a developmental disability or the death	125
of such a person and the actor took reasonable steps to summon	126
aid.	127
(E)(1) Except as provided in division $(E)(2)$ or $(E)(3)$ of	128
this section, whoever violates division (B) or (C) of this section	129
is guilty of patient endangerment, a misdemeanor of the first	130
degree.	131
(2) If the offender previously has been convicted of, or	132
pleaded guilty to, a violation of this section, patient	133
endangerment is a felony of the fourth degree.	134
(3) If the violation results in serious physical harm to the	135
person with mental retardation or a developmental disability,	136
patient endangerment is a felony of the third degree.	137
Sec. 2919.22. (A) No person, who is the parent, guardian,	138
custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco	139
parentis of a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally or	140
physically handicapped child under twenty-one years of age, shall	141

create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by	142
violating a duty of care, protection, or support. It is not a	143
violation of a duty of care, protection, or support under this	144
division when the parent, guardian, custodian, or person having	145
custody or control of a child treats the physical or mental	146
illness or defect of the child by spiritual means through prayer	147
alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious	148
body.	149
(B) No person shall do any of the following to a child under	150
eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped	151
child under twenty-one years of age:	152
(1) Abuse the child;	153
(2) Torture or cruelly abuse the child;	154
(3) Administer corporal punishment or other physical	155
disciplinary measure, or physically restrain the child in a cruel	156
manner or for a prolonged period, which punishment, discipline, or	157
restraint is excessive under the circumstances and creates a	158
substantial risk of serious physical harm to the child;	159
(4) Repeatedly administer unwarranted disciplinary measures	160
to the child, when there is a substantial risk that such conduct,	161
if continued, will seriously impair or retard the child's mental	162
health or development;	163
(5) Entice, coerce, permit, encourage, compel, hire, employ,	164
use, or allow the child to act, model, or in any other way	165
participate in, or be photographed for, the production,	166
presentation, dissemination, or advertisement of any material or	167
performance that the offender knows or reasonably should know is	168
obscene, is sexually oriented matter, or is nudity-oriented	169
matter;	170

(6) Allow the child to be on the same parcel of real property

and within one hundred feet of, or, in the case of more than one	172
housing unit on the same parcel of real property, in the same	173
housing unit and within one hundred feet of, any act in violation	174
of section 2925.04 or 2925.041 of the Revised Code when the person	175
knows that the act is occurring, whether or not any person is	176
prosecuted for or convicted of the violation of section 2925.04 or	177
2925.041 of the Revised Code that is the basis of the violation of	178
this division.	179
(C)(1) No person shall operate a vehicle, streetcar, or	180

- trackless trolley within this state in violation of division (A) 181 of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code when one or more children 182 under eighteen years of age are in the vehicle, streetcar, or 183 trackless trolley. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a 184 person may be convicted at the same trial or proceeding of a 185 violation of this division and a violation of division (A) of 186 section 4511.19 of the Revised Code that constitutes the basis of 187 the charge of the violation of this division. For purposes of 188 sections 4511.191 to 4511.197 of the Revised Code and all related 189 provisions of law, a person arrested for a violation of this 190 division shall be considered to be under arrest for operating a 191 vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or 192 a combination of them or for operating a vehicle with a prohibited 193 concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite 194 of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum or 195 plasma, breath, or urine. 196
 - (2) As used in division (C)(1) of this section:
- (a) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 198 3719.01 of the Revised Code.
- (b) "Vehicle," "streetcar," and "trackless trolley" have the 200 same meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 201
 - (D)(1) Division (B)(5) of this section does not apply to any 202

(2) If the offender violates division (A) or (B)(1) of this

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children.

section, endangering children is one of the following, and, in the	233
circumstances described in division (E)(2)(e) of this section,	234
that division applies:	235
(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2)(b), (c),	236
or (d) of this section, a misdemeanor of the first degree;	237
(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of an	238
offense under this section or of any offense involving neglect,	239
abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse	240
of a child, except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2)(c) or	241
(d) of this section, a felony of the fourth degree;	242
(c) If the violation is a violation of division (A) of this	243
section and results in serious physical harm to the child	244
involved, a felony of the third degree;	245
(d) If the violation is a violation of division $(B)(1)$ of	246
this section and results in serious physical harm to the child	247
involved, a felony of the second degree.	248
(e) If the violation is a felony violation of division (B)(1)	249
of this section and the offender also is convicted of or pleads	250
guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1422 of the	251
Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the	252
indictment, or information charging the offense, the court shall	253
sentence the offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in	254
division (D)(7) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code and shall	255
order the offender to make restitution as provided in division	256
(B)(8) of section 2929.18 of the Revised Code.	257
(3) If the offender violates division $(B)(2)$, (3) , (4) , or	258
(6) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this	259
division, endangering children is a felony of the third degree. If	260
the violation results in serious physical harm to the child	261
involved, or if the offender previously has been convicted of an	262
offense under this section or of any offense involving neglect,	263

abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse 264 of a child, endangering children is a felony of the second degree. 265 If the offender violates division (B)(2), (3), or (4) of this 266 section and the offender also is convicted of or pleads quilty to 267 a specification as described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised 268 Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, 269 or information charging the offense, the court shall sentence the 270 offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (D)(7) 271 of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code and shall order the 2.72 offender to make restitution as provided in division (B)(8) of 273 section 2929.18 of the Revised Code. If the offender violates 274 division (B)(6) of this section and the drug involved is 275 methamphetamine, the court shall impose a mandatory prison term on 276 the offender as follows: 277

- (a) If the violation is a violation of division (B)(6) of 278 this section that is a felony of the third degree under division 279 (E)(3) of this section and the drug involved is methamphetamine, 280 except as otherwise provided in this division, the court shall 281 impose as a mandatory prison term one of the prison terms 282 prescribed for a felony of the third degree that is not less than 283 two years. If the violation is a violation of division (B)(6) of 284 this section that is a felony of the third degree under division 285 (E)(3) of this section, if the drug involved is methamphetamine, 286 and if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded 287 guilty to a violation of division (B)(6) of this section, a 288 violation of division (A) of section 2925.04 of the Revised Code, 289 or a violation of division (A) of section 2925.041 of the Revised 290 Code, the court shall impose as a mandatory prison term one of the 291 prison terms prescribed for a felony of the third degree that is 292 not less than five years. 293
- (b) If the violation is a violation of division (B)(6) of 294 this section that is a felony of the second degree under division 295

(E)(3) of this section and the drug involved is methamphetamine,	296
except as otherwise provided in this division, the court shall	297
impose as a mandatory prison term one of the prison terms	298
prescribed for a felony of the second degree that is not less than	299
three years. If the violation is a violation of division (B)(6) of	300
this section that is a felony of the second degree under division	301
(E)(3) of this section, if the drug involved is methamphetamine,	302
and if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded	303
guilty to a violation of division (B)(6) of this section, a	304
violation of division (A) of section 2925.04 of the Revised Code,	305
or a violation of division (A) of section 2925.041 of the Revised	306
Code, the court shall impose as a mandatory prison term one of the	307
prison terms prescribed for a felony of the second degree that is	308
not less than five years.	309

- (4) If the offender violates division (B)(5) of this section, 310 endangering children is a felony of the second degree. If the 311 offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification 312 as described in section 2941.1422 of the Revised Code that was 313 included in the indictment, count in the indictment, or 314 information charging the offense, the court shall sentence the 315 offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (D)(7) 316 of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code and shall order the 317 offender to make restitution as provided in division (B)(8) of 318 section 2929.18 of the Revised Code. 319
- (5) If the offender violates division (C) of this section, 320
 the offender shall be punished as follows: 321
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(5)(b) or (c) 322 of this section, endangering children in violation of division (C) 323 of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 324
- (b) If the violation results in serious physical harm to the 325 child involved or the offender previously has been convicted of an 326 offense under this section or any offense involving neglect, 327

abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse 328 of a child, except as otherwise provided in division (E)(5)(c) of 329 this section, endangering children in violation of division (C) of this section is a felony of the fifth degree. 331

- (c) If the violation results in serious physical harm to the 332 child involved and if the offender previously has been convicted 333 of a violation of division (C) of this section, section 2903.06 or 334 2903.08 of the Revised Code, section 2903.07 of the Revised Code 335 as it existed prior to March 23, 2000, or section 2903.04 of the 336 Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the 337 sanctions described in division (D) of that section, endangering 338 children in violation of division (C) of this section is a felony 339 of the fourth degree. 340
- (d) In addition to any term of imprisonment, fine, or other 341 sentence, penalty, or sanction it imposes upon the offender 342 pursuant to division (E)(5)(a), (b), or (c) of this section or 343 pursuant to any other provision of law and in addition to any 344 suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's 345 license or permit or nonresident operating privilege under Chapter 346 4506., 4509., 4510., or 4511. of the Revised Code or under any 347 other provision of law, the court also may impose upon the 348 offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or 349 commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 350 privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of section 351 4510.02 of the Revised Code. 352
- (e) In addition to any term of imprisonment, fine, or other

 sentence, penalty, or sanction imposed upon the offender pursuant

 to division (E)(5)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section or

 pursuant to any other provision of law for the violation of

 division (C) of this section, if as part of the same trial or

 proceeding the offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a

 separate charge charging the violation of division (A) of section

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4511.19 of the Revised Code that was the basis of the charge of	360
the violation of division (C) of this section, the offender also	361
shall be sentenced in accordance with section 4511.19 of the	362
Revised Code for that violation of division (A) of section 4511.19	363
of the Revised Code.	364
(F)(1)(a) A court may require an offender to perform not more	365
than two hundred hours of supervised community service work under	366
the authority of an agency, subdivision, or charitable	367
organization. The requirement shall be part of the community	368
control sanction or sentence of the offender, and the court shall	369
impose the community service in accordance with and subject to	370
divisions $(F)(1)(a)$ and (b) of this section. The court may require	371
an offender whom it requires to perform supervised community	372
service work as part of the offender's community control sanction	373
or sentence to pay the court a reasonable fee to cover the costs	374
of the offender's participation in the work, including, but not	375
limited to, the costs of procuring a policy or policies of	376
liability insurance to cover the period during which the offender	377
will perform the work. If the court requires the offender to	378
perform supervised community service work as part of the	379
offender's community control sanction or sentence, the court shall	380
do so in accordance with the following limitations and criteria:	381
(i) The court shall require that the community service work	382
be performed after completion of the term of imprisonment or jail	383
term imposed upon the offender for the violation of division (C)	384
of this section, if applicable.	385
(ii) The supervised community service work shall be subject	386
to the limitations set forth in divisions $(B)(1)$, (2) , and (3) of	387
section 2951.02 of the Revised Code.	388
(iii) The community service work shall be supervised in the	389
manner described in division (B)(4) of section 2951.02 of the	390

Revised Code by an official or person with the qualifications

described in that division. The official or person periodically 392 shall report in writing to the court concerning the conduct of the offender in performing the work. 394

- (iv) The court shall inform the offender in writing that if 395 the offender does not adequately perform, as determined by the 396 court, all of the required community service work, the court may 397 order that the offender be committed to a jail or workhouse for a 398 period of time that does not exceed the term of imprisonment that 399 the court could have imposed upon the offender for the violation 400 of division (C) of this section, reduced by the total amount of 401 time that the offender actually was imprisoned under the sentence 402 or term that was imposed upon the offender for that violation and 403 by the total amount of time that the offender was confined for any 404 reason arising out of the offense for which the offender was 405 convicted and sentenced as described in sections 2949.08 and 406 2967.191 of the Revised Code, and that, if the court orders that 407 the offender be so committed, the court is authorized, but not 408 required, to grant the offender credit upon the period of the 409 commitment for the community service work that the offender 410 adequately performed. 411
- (b) If a court, pursuant to division (F)(1)(a) of this 412 section, orders an offender to perform community service work as 413 part of the offender's community control sanction or sentence and 414 if the offender does not adequately perform all of the required 415 community service work, as determined by the court, the court may 416 order that the offender be committed to a jail or workhouse for a 417 period of time that does not exceed the term of imprisonment that 418 the court could have imposed upon the offender for the violation 419 of division (C) of this section, reduced by the total amount of 420 time that the offender actually was imprisoned under the sentence 421 or term that was imposed upon the offender for that violation and 422 by the total amount of time that the offender was confined for any 423

reason arising out of the offense for which the offender was	424
convicted and sentenced as described in sections 2949.08 and	425
2967.191 of the Revised Code. The court may order that a person	426
committed pursuant to this division shall receive hour-for-hour	427
credit upon the period of the commitment for the community service	428
work that the offender adequately performed. No commitment	429
pursuant to this division shall exceed the period of the term of	430
imprisonment that the sentencing court could have imposed upon the	431
offender for the violation of division (C) of this section,	432
reduced by the total amount of time that the offender actually was	433
imprisoned under that sentence or term and by the total amount of	434
time that the offender was confined for any reason arising out of	435
the offense for which the offender was convicted and sentenced as	436
described in sections 2949.08 and 2967.191 of the Revised Code.	437

- (2) Division (F)(1) of this section does not limit or affect 438 the authority of the court to suspend the sentence imposed upon a 439 misdemeanor offender and place the offender under a community 440 control sanction pursuant to section 2929.25 of the Revised Code, 441 to require a misdemeanor or felony offender to perform supervised 442 community service work in accordance with division (B) of section 443 2951.02 of the Revised Code, or to place a felony offender under a 444 community control sanction. 445
- (G)(1) If a court suspends an offender's driver's or 446 commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 447 privilege under division (E)(5)(d) of this section, the period of 448 the suspension shall be consecutive to, and commence after, the 449 period of suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial 450 driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege that 451 is imposed under Chapter 4506., 4509., 4510., or 4511. of the 452 Revised Code or under any other provision of law in relation to 453 the violation of division (C) of this section that is the basis of 454 the suspension under division (E)(5)(d) of this section or in 455

relation to the violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of	456
the Revised Code that is the basis for that violation of division	457
(C) of this section.	458
(2) An offender is not entitled to request, and the court	459
shall not grant to the offender, limited driving privileges if the	460
offender's license, permit, or privilege has been suspended under	461
division $(E)(5)(d)$ of this section and the offender, within the	462
preceding six years, has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to	463
three or more violations of one or more of the following:	464
(a) Division (C) of this section;	465
(b) Any equivalent offense, as defined in section 4511.181 of	466
the Revised Code.	467
(H)(1) If a person violates division (C) of this section and	468
if, at the time of the violation, there were two or more children	469
under eighteen years of age in the motor vehicle involved in the	470
violation, the offender may be convicted of a violation of	471
division (C) of this section for each of the children, but the	472
court may sentence the offender for only one of the violations.	473
(2)(a) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a	474
violation of division (C) of this section but the person is not	475
also convicted of and does not also plead guilty to a separate	476
charge charging the violation of division (A) of section 4511.19	477
of the Revised Code that was the basis of the charge of the	478
violation of division (C) of this section, both of the following	479
apply:	480
(i) For purposes of the provisions of section 4511.19 of the	481
Revised Code that set forth the penalties and sanctions for a	482
violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code,	483
the conviction of or plea of guilty to the violation of division	484
(C) of this section shall not constitute a violation of division	485
(A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code;	486

(ii) For purposes of any provision of law that refers to a	487
conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of division (A) of	488
section 4511.19 of the Revised Code and that is not described in	489
division (H)(2)(a)(i) of this section, the conviction of or plea	490
of guilty to the violation of division (C) of this section shall	491
constitute a conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of	492
division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.	493
(b) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a	494
violation of division (C) of this section and the person also is	495
convicted of or pleads guilty to a separate charge charging the	496
violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code	497
that was the basis of the charge of the violation of division (C)	498
of this section, the conviction of or plea of guilty to the	499
violation of division (C) of this section shall not constitute,	500
for purposes of any provision of law that refers to a conviction	501
of or plea of guilty to a violation of division (A) of section	502
4511.19 of the Revised Code, a conviction of or plea of guilty to	503
a violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised	504
Code.	505
(I) As used in this section:	506
(1) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in	507
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code;	508
(2) "Limited driving privileges" has the same meaning as in	509
section 4501.01 of the Revised Code;	510
(3) "Methamphetamine" has the same meaning as in section	511
2925.01 of the Revised Code.	512
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Section 2. That existing sections 339.89, 2151.03, 2903.341,	513
and 2919.22 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	514