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To enact section 2151.351 of the Revised Code to 1
require restraints to be removed from an alleged 2
or adjudicated delinquent child prior to the 3
commencement of a juvenile court hearing or 4
proceeding unless the court determines that the 5
use of restraints is necessary to prevent physical 6
harm to the child or another person or to prevent 7
the child from escaping. 8

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

Section 1. That section 2151.351 of the Revised Code be 9
enacted to read as follows: 10

Sec. 2151.351. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this 11
section, restraints shall be removed from an alleged or 12
adjudicated delinquent child prior to the commencement of a 13
juvenile court hearing or proceeding concerning the child. 14

(B) Restraints may be placed on an alleged or adjudicated 15
delinquent child during a juvenile court hearing or proceeding if 16
the court determines that restraints are necessary for either of 17
the following: 18

(1) To prevent physical harm to the child or another person; 19

(2) To prevent the child from fleeing or attempting to flee 20
the hearing or proceeding. 21

(C) The presiding juvenile court judge shall determine 22
whether to place restraints on an alleged or adjudicated 23
delinquent child in a juvenile court hearing or proceeding. 24

(D) The juvenile court may consider on a case-by-case basis a 25
motion brought by a juvenile court prosecutor or law enforcement 26
officer requesting the court to place an alleged or adjudicated 27
delinquent child in restraints during a juvenile court hearing or 28
proceeding. 29

(E) As used in this section, "restraints" means handcuffs, 30
chains, irons, or other devices used to restrain a person's 31
movements. 32