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Sub. H. B. No. 352

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A BILL

| То | amend sections 2151.011, 2151.421, and 5103.02 and | 1 |
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| | to enact sections 5103.50, 5103.51, 5103.52, | 2 |
| | 5103.53, 5103.54, and 5103.55 of the Revised Code | 3 |
| | to license private, nonprofit therapeutic | 4 |
| | wilderness camps and to declare an emergency. | 5 |

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

| Section 1. That sections 2151.011, 2151.421, and 5103.02 be | 6 |
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| amended and sections 5103.50, 5103.51, 5103.52, 5103.53, 5103.54, | 7 |
| and 5103.55 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: | 8 |
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| Sec. 2151.011. (A) As used in the Revised Code: | 9 |
| (1) "Juvenile court" means whichever of the following is | 10 |
| applicable that has jurisdiction under this chapter and Chapter | 11 |
| 2152. of the Revised Code: | 12 |
| (a) The division of the court of common pleas specified in | 13 |
| section 2101.022 or 2301.03 of the Revised Code as having | 14 |
| jurisdiction under this chapter and Chapter 2152. of the Revised | 15 |
| Code or as being the juvenile division or the juvenile division | 16 |
| combined with one or more other divisions; | 17 |
| (b) The juvenile court of Cuvahoga county or Hamilton county | 1.8 |

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- (2) "Adult" means an individual who is eighteen years of age 49 or older. 50 (3) "Agreement for temporary custody" means a voluntary 51 agreement authorized by section 5103.15 of the Revised Code that 52 transfers the temporary custody of a child to a public children 53 services agency or a private child placing agency. 54 (4) "Alternative response" means the public children services 55 agency's response to a report of child abuse or neglect that 56 engages the family in a comprehensive evaluation of child safety, 57 risk of subsequent harm, and family strengths and needs and that 58 does not include a determination as to whether child abuse or 59 neglect occurred. 60 (5) "Certified foster home" means a foster home, as defined 61 in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code, certified under section 62 5103.03 of the Revised Code. 63 (6) "Child" means a person who is under eighteen years of 64 age, except that the juvenile court has jurisdiction over any 65 person who is adjudicated an unruly child prior to attaining 66 eighteen years of age until the person attains twenty-one years of 67 age, and, for purposes of that jurisdiction related to that 68 adjudication, a person who is so adjudicated an unruly child shall 69 be deemed a "child" until the person attains twenty-one years of 70 age. 71
- (7) "Child day camp," "child care," "child day-care center," 72

 "part-time child day-care center," "type A family day-care home," 73

 "licensed type B family day-care home," "type B family day-care 74

 home," "administrator of a child day-care center," "administrator 75

 of a type A family day-care home," and "in-home aide" have the 76

 same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code. 77
- (8) "Child care provider" means an individual who is a child-care staff member or administrator of a child day-care

| center, a type A family day-care home, or a type B family day-care | 80 |
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| home, or an in-home aide or an individual who is licensed, is | 81 |
| regulated, is approved, operates under the direction of, or | 82 |
| otherwise is certified by the department of job and family | 83 |
| services, department of developmental disabilities, or the early | 84 |
| childhood programs of the department of education. | 85 |
| (9) "Chronic truant" has the same meaning as in section | 86 |
| 2152.02 of the Revised Code. | 87 |
| (10) "Commit" means to vest custody as ordered by the court. | 88 |
| (11) "Counseling" includes both of the following: | 89 |
| (a) General counseling services performed by a public | 90 |
| children services agency or shelter for victims of domestic | 91 |
| violence to assist a child, a child's parents, and a child's | 92 |
| siblings in alleviating identified problems that may cause or have | 93 |
| caused the child to be an abused, neglected, or dependent child. | 94 |
| (b) Psychiatric or psychological therapeutic counseling | 95 |
| services provided to correct or alleviate any mental or emotional | 96 |
| illness or disorder and performed by a licensed psychiatrist, | 97 |
| licensed psychologist, or a person licensed under Chapter 4757. of | 98 |
| the Revised Code to engage in social work or professional | 99 |
| counseling. | 100 |
| (12) "Custodian" means a person who has legal custody of a | 101 |
| child or a public children services agency or private child | 102 |
| placing agency that has permanent, temporary, or legal custody of | 103 |
| a child. | 104 |
| (13) "Delinquent child" has the same meaning as in section | 105 |
| 2152.02 of the Revised Code. | 106 |
| (14) "Detention" means the temporary care of children pending | 107 |
| court adjudication or disposition, or execution of a court order, | 108 |
| in a public or private facility designed to physically restrict | 109 |

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section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(28) "Organization" means any institution, public,

semipublic, or private, and any private association, society, or

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retard the mental health or physical well-being of the child.

- (32) "Permanent custody" means a legal status that vests in a 234 public children services agency or a private child placing agency, 235 all parental rights, duties, and obligations, including the right 236 to consent to adoption, and divests the natural parents or 237 adoptive parents of all parental rights, privileges, and 238 obligations, including all residual rights and obligations. 239
- (33) "Permanent surrender" means the act of the parents or, 240 if a child has only one parent, of the parent of a child, by a 241 voluntary agreement authorized by section 5103.15 of the Revised 242 Code, to transfer the permanent custody of the child to a public 243 children services agency or a private child placing agency. 244
- (34) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, 245
 or partnership and the state or any of its political subdivisions, 246
 departments, or agencies.
- (35) "Person responsible for a child's care in out-of-home 248 care" means any of the following: 249
 - (a) Any foster caregiver, in-home aide, or provider;
- (b) Any administrator, employee, or agent of any of the 251 following: a public or private detention facility; shelter 252 facility; certified children's crisis care facility; organization; 253 certified organization; child day-care center; type A family 254 day-care home; licensed type B family day-care home; group home; 255 institution; state institution; residential facility; residential 256 care facility; residential camp; day camp; school district; 257 community school; chartered nonpublic school; educational service 258 center; hospital; or medical clinic; 259
- (c) Any person who supervises or coaches children as part of 260 an extracurricular activity sponsored by a school district, public 261 school, or chartered nonpublic school; 262

| (d) Any other person who performs a similar function with | 263 |
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| respect to, or has a similar relationship to, children. | 264 |
| (36) "Physically impaired" means having one or more of the | 265 |
| following conditions that substantially limit one or more of an | 266 |
| individual's major life activities, including self-care, receptive | 267 |
| and expressive language, learning, mobility, and self-direction: | 268 |
| (a) A substantial impairment of vision, speech, or hearing; | 269 |
| (b) A congenital orthopedic impairment; | 270 |
| (c) An orthopedic impairment caused by disease, rheumatic | 271 |
| fever or any other similar chronic or acute health problem, or | 272 |
| amputation or another similar cause. | 273 |
| (37) "Placement for adoption" means the arrangement by a | 274 |
| public children services agency or a private child placing agency | 275 |
| with a person for the care and adoption by that person of a child | 276 |
| of whom the agency has permanent custody. | 277 |
| (38) "Placement in foster care" means the arrangement by a | 278 |
| public children services agency or a private child placing agency | 279 |
| for the out-of-home care of a child of whom the agency has | 280 |
| temporary custody or permanent custody. | 281 |
| (39) "Planned permanent living arrangement" means an order of | 282 |
| a juvenile court pursuant to which both of the following apply: | 283 |
| (a) The court gives legal custody of a child to a public | 284 |
| children services agency or a private child placing agency without | 285 |
| the termination of parental rights. | 286 |
| (b) The order permits the agency to make an appropriate | 287 |
| placement of the child and to enter into a written agreement with | 288 |
| a foster care provider or with another person or agency with whom | 289 |
| the child is placed. | 290 |
| (40) "Practice of social work" and "practice of professional | 291 |

counseling" have the same meanings as in section 4757.01 of the

| Revised Code. | 293 |
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| (41) "Private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp" has the | 294 |
| same meaning as in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code. | 295 |
| (42) "Sanction, service, or condition" means a sanction, | 296 |
| service, or condition created by court order following an | 297 |
| adjudication that a child is an unruly child that is described in | 298 |
| division (A)(4) of section 2152.19 of the Revised Code. | 299 |
| $\frac{(42)(43)}{(43)}$ "Protective supervision" means an order of | 300 |
| disposition pursuant to which the court permits an abused, | 301 |
| neglected, dependent, or unruly child to remain in the custody of | 302 |
| the child's parents, guardian, or custodian and stay in the | 303 |
| child's home, subject to any conditions and limitations upon the | 304 |
| child, the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, or any other | 305 |
| person that the court prescribes, including supervision as | 306 |
| directed by the court for the protection of the child. | 307 |
| $\frac{(43)(44)}{(44)}$ "Psychiatrist" has the same meaning as in section | 308 |
| 5122.01 of the Revised Code. | 309 |
| $\frac{(44)(45)}{(45)}$ "Psychologist" has the same meaning as in section | 310 |
| 4732.01 of the Revised Code. | 311 |
| $\frac{(45)(46)}{(46)}$ "Residential camp" means a program in which the | 312 |
| care, physical custody, or control of children is accepted | 313 |
| overnight for recreational or recreational and educational | 314 |
| purposes. | 315 |
| $\frac{(46)(47)}{(47)}$ "Residential care facility" means an institution, | 316 |
| residence, or facility that is licensed by the department of | 317 |
| mental health and addiction services under section 5119.34 of the | 318 |
| Revised Code and that provides care for a child. | 319 |
| $\frac{(47)}{(48)}$ "Residential facility" means a home or facility that | 320 |
| is licensed by the department of developmental disabilities under | 321 |
| section 5123.19 of the Revised Code and in which a child with a | 322 |

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(56)(57) "Traditional response" means a public children 353
services agency's response to a report of child abuse or neglect 354
that encourages engagement of the family in a comprehensive 355
evaluation of the child's current and future safety needs and a 356
fact-finding process to determine whether child abuse or neglect 357
occurred and the circumstances surrounding the alleged harm or 358
risk of harm.

(C) For the purposes of this chapter, a child shall be
presumed abandoned when the parents of the child have failed to
visit or maintain contact with the child for more than ninety
days, regardless of whether the parents resume contact with the
child after that period of ninety days.

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Sec. 2151.421. (A)(1)(a) No person described in division 365 (A)(1)(b) of this section who is acting in an official or 366 professional capacity and knows, or has reasonable cause to 367 suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a 368 similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of 369 age or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or 370 physically impaired child under twenty-one years of age has 371 suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental 372 wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that 373 reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to 374 immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect 375 to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as 376 provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person 377 making the report shall make it to the public children services 378 agency or a municipal or county peace officer in the county in 379 which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is 380 occurring or has occurred. In the circumstances described in 381 section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report 382 shall make it to the entity specified in that section. 383

| (b) Division $(A)(1)(a)$ of this section applies to any person | 384 |
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| who is an attorney; physician, including a hospital intern or | 385 |
| resident; dentist; podiatrist; practitioner of a limited branch of | 386 |
| medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code; | 387 |
| registered nurse; licensed practical nurse; visiting nurse; other | 388 |
| health care professional; licensed psychologist; licensed school | 389 |
| psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or | 390 |
| marriage and family therapist; speech pathologist or audiologist; | 391 |
| coroner; administrator or employee of a child day-care center; | 392 |
| administrator or employee of a residential camp or , child day | 393 |
| camp, or private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp; | 394 |
| administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or | 395 |
| other public or private children services agency; school teacher; | 396 |
| school employee; school authority; person engaged in social work | 397 |
| or the practice of professional counseling; agent of a county | 398 |
| humane society; person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual | 399 |
| treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a | 400 |
| well-recognized religion; employee of a county department of job | 401 |
| and family services who is a professional and who works with | 402 |
| children and families; superintendent, board member, or employee | 403 |
| of a county board of developmental disabilities; investigative | 404 |
| agent contracted with by a county board of developmental | 405 |
| disabilities; employee of the department of developmental | 406 |
| disabilities; employee of a facility or home that provides respite | 407 |
| care in accordance with section 5123.171 of the Revised Code; | 408 |
| employee of a home health agency; employee of an entity that | 409 |
| provides homemaker services; a person performing the duties of an | 410 |
| assessor pursuant to Chapter 3107. or 5103. of the Revised Code; | 411 |
| or third party employed by a public children services agency to | 412 |
| assist in providing child or family related services. | 413 |

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, an 414 attorney or a physician is not required to make a report pursuant 415 to division (A)(1) of this section concerning any communication 416

| the attorney or physician receives from a client or patient in an | 417 |
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| attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, if, in | 418 |
| accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the | 419 |
| Revised Code, the attorney or physician could not testify with | 420 |
| respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding. | 421 |
| (3) The client or patient in an attorney-client or | 422 |
| physician-patient relationship described in division (A)(2) of | 423 |
| this section is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege | 424 |
| under division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code | 425 |
| with respect to any communication the attorney or physician | 426 |
| receives from the client or patient in that attorney-client or | 427 |
| physician-patient relationship, and the attorney or physician | 428 |
| shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section | 429 |
| with respect to that communication, if all of the following apply: | 430 |
| (a) The client or patient, at the time of the communication, | 431 |
| is either a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally | 432 |
| retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired person | 433 |
| under twenty-one years of age. | 434 |
| (b) The attorney or physician knows, or has reasonable cause | 435 |
| to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in | 436 |
| similar position to suspect, as a result of the communication or | 437 |
| any observations made during that communication, that the client | 438 |
| or patient has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any | 439 |
| physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a | 440 |
| nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the client or | 441 |
| patient. | 442 |
| (c) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the client's | 443 |
| or patient's attempt to have an abortion without the notification | 444 |
| of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with section | 445 |
| 2151.85 of the Revised Code. | 446 |

(4)(a) No cleric and no person, other than a volunteer,

| designated by any church, religious society, or faith acting as a | 448 |
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| leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious | 449 |
| society, or faith who is acting in an official or professional | 450 |
| capacity, who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on | 451 |
| facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position | 452 |
| to believe, that a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally | 453 |
| retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired child | 454 |
| under twenty-one years of age has suffered or faces a threat of | 455 |
| suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or | 456 |
| condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect | 457 |
| of the child, and who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe | 458 |
| based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar | 459 |
| position to believe, that another cleric or another person, other | 460 |
| than a volunteer, designated by a church, religious society, or | 461 |
| faith acting as a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the | 462 |
| church, religious society, or faith caused, or poses the threat of | 463 |
| causing, the wound, injury, disability, or condition that | 464 |
| reasonably indicates abuse or neglect shall fail to immediately | 465 |
| report that knowledge or reasonable cause to believe to the entity | 466 |
| or persons specified in this division. Except as provided in | 467 |
| section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report | 468 |
| shall make it to the public children services agency or a | 469 |
| municipal or county peace officer in the county in which the child | 470 |
| resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has | 471 |
| occurred. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of | 472 |
| the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to | 473 |
| the entity specified in that section. | 474 |

(b) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(c) of this section, 475
a cleric is not required to make a report pursuant to division 476
(A)(4)(a) of this section concerning any communication the cleric 477
receives from a penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship, if, in 478
accordance with division (C) of section 2317.02 of the Revised 479
Code, the cleric could not testify with respect to that 480

| communication in a civil or criminal proceeding. | 481 |
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| (c) The penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship described | 482 |
| in division (A)(4)(b) of this section is deemed to have waived any | 483 |
| testimonial privilege under division (C) of section 2317.02 of the | 484 |
| Revised Code with respect to any communication the cleric receives | 485 |
| from the penitent in that cleric-penitent relationship, and the | 486 |
| cleric shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this | 487 |
| section with respect to that communication, if all of the | 488 |
| following apply: | 489 |
| (i) The penitent, at the time of the communication, is either | 490 |
| a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally retarded, | 491 |
| developmentally disabled, or physically impaired person under | 492 |
| twenty-one years of age. | 493 |
| (ii) The cleric knows, or has reasonable cause to believe | 494 |
| based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar | 495 |
| position to believe, as a result of the communication or any | 496 |
| observations made during that communication, the penitent has | 497 |
| suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental | 498 |
| wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that | 499 |
| reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the penitent. | 500 |
| (iii) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the | 501 |
| penitent's attempt to have an abortion performed upon a child | 502 |
| under eighteen years of age or upon a mentally retarded, | 503 |
| developmentally disabled, or physically impaired person under | 504 |
| twenty-one years of age without the notification of her parents, | 505 |
| guardian, or custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the | 506 |
| Revised Code. | 507 |
| (d) Divisions $(A)(4)(a)$ and (c) of this section do not apply | 508 |
| in a cleric-penitent relationship when the disclosure of any | 509 |
| communication the cleric receives from the penitent is in | 510 |
| violation of the sacred trust. | 511 |

- (e) As used in divisions (A)(1) and (4) of this section,"cleric" and "sacred trust" have the same meanings as in section2317.02 of the Revised Code.514
- (B) Anyone who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect 515 based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar 516 circumstances to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age 517 or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically 518 impaired person under twenty-one years of age has suffered or 519 faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, 520 disability, or other condition of a nature that reasonably 521 indicates abuse or neglect of the child may report or cause 522 reports to be made of that knowledge or reasonable cause to 523 suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. 524 Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a 525 person making a report or causing a report to be made under this 526 division shall make it or cause it to be made to the public 527 children services agency or to a municipal or county peace 528 officer. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the 529 Revised Code, a person making a report or causing a report to be 530 made under this division shall make it or cause it to be made to 531 the entity specified in that section. 532
- (C) Any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this 533 section shall be made forthwith either by telephone or in person 534 and shall be followed by a written report, if requested by the 535 receiving agency or officer. The written report shall contain: 536
- (1) The names and addresses of the child and the child's 537 parents or the person or persons having custody of the child, if 538 known; 539
- (2) The child's age and the nature and extent of the child's 540 injuries, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected 541 or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of 542 injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or 543

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| believed, as applicable, to exist, including any evidence of | 544 |
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| previous injuries, abuse, or neglect; | 545 |
| (3) Any other information that might be helpful in | 546 |
| establishing the cause of the injury, abuse, or neglect that is | 547 |
| known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to have | 548 |
| occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is | 549 |
| known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to | 550 |
| exist. | 551 |
| Any person, who is required by division (A) of this section | 552 |
| to report child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably | 553 |
| suspected or believed to have occurred, may take or cause to be | 554 |
| taken color photographs of areas of trauma visible on a child and, | 555 |
| if medically indicated, cause to be performed radiological | 556 |
| examinations of the child. | 557 |
| (D) As used in this division, "children's advocacy center" | 558 |
| and "sexual abuse of a child" have the same meanings as in section | 559 |
| 2151.425 of the Revised Code. | 560 |
| (1) When a municipal or county peace officer receives a | 561 |
| report concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or the | 562 |
| possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child, upon receipt of | 563 |
| the report, the municipal or county peace officer who receives the | 564 |
| report shall refer the report to the appropriate public children | 565 |
| services agency. | 566 |
| (2) When a public children services agency receives a report | 567 |

(a) Comply with section 2151.422 of the Revised Code;

shall do both of the following:

pursuant to this division or division (A) or (B) of this section,

upon receipt of the report, the public children services agency

(b) If the county served by the agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report alleges sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child that is specified in

the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being 575 within the center's jurisdiction, comply regarding the report with 576 the protocol and procedures for referrals and investigations, with 577 the coordinating activities, and with the authority or 578 responsibility for performing or providing functions, activities, 579 and services stipulated in the interagency agreement entered into 580 under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that 581 center. 582

(E) No township, municipal, or county peace officer shall 583 remove a child about whom a report is made pursuant to this 584 section from the child's parents, stepparents, or guardian or any 585 other persons having custody of the child without consultation 586 with the public children services agency, unless, in the judgment 587 of the officer, and, if the report was made by physician, the 588 physician, immediate removal is considered essential to protect 589 the child from further abuse or neglect. The agency that must be 590 consulted shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the 591 report as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised 592 Code. 593

(F)(1) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of the Revised 594 Code or in an interagency agreement entered into under section 595 2151.428 of the Revised Code that applies to the particular 596 report, the public children services agency shall investigate, 597 within twenty-four hours, each report of child abuse or child 598 neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have 599 occurred and of a threat of child abuse or child neglect that is 600 known or reasonably suspected or believed to exist that is 601 referred to it under this section to determine the circumstances 602 surrounding the injuries, abuse, or neglect or the threat of 603 injury, abuse, or neglect, the cause of the injuries, abuse, 604 neglect, or threat, and the person or persons responsible. The 605 investigation shall be made in cooperation with the law 606

| enforcement agency and in accordance with the memorandum of | 607 |
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| understanding prepared under division (J) of this section. A | 608 |
| representative of the public children services agency shall, at | 609 |
| the time of initial contact with the person subject to the | 610 |
| investigation, inform the person of the specific complaints or | 611 |
| allegations made against the person. The information shall be | 612 |
| given in a manner that is consistent with division (H)(1) of this | 613 |
| section and protects the rights of the person making the report | 614 |
| under this section. | 615 |

A failure to make the investigation in accordance with the 616 memorandum is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the 617 dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from the report or 618 the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of the report 619 and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any 620 rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any 621 person. The public children services agency shall report each case 622 to the uniform statewide automated child welfare information 623 system that the department of job and family services shall 624 maintain in accordance with section 5101.13 of the Revised Code. 625 The public children services agency shall submit a report of its 626 investigation, in writing, to the law enforcement agency. 627

- (2) The public children services agency shall make any
 recommendations to the county prosecuting attorney or city
 director of law that it considers necessary to protect any
 children that are brought to its attention.
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- (G)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (H)(3) of this 632 section, anyone or any hospital, institution, school, health 633 department, or agency participating in the making of reports under 634 division (A) of this section, anyone or any hospital, institution, 635 school, health department, or agency participating in good faith 636 in the making of reports under division (B) of this section, and 637 anyone participating in good faith in a judicial proceeding 638

- resulting from the reports, shall be immune from any civil or 639 criminal liability for injury, death, or loss to person or 640 property that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result 641 of the making of the reports or the participation in the judicial 642 proceeding.
- (b) Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the 644 physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding 645 evidence regarding a child's injuries, abuse, or neglect, or the 646 cause of the injuries, abuse, or neglect in any judicial 647 proceeding resulting from a report submitted pursuant to this 648 section.
- (2) In any civil or criminal action or proceeding in which it 650 is alleged and proved that participation in the making of a report 651 under this section was not in good faith or participation in a 652 judicial proceeding resulting from a report made under this 653 section was not in good faith, the court shall award the 654 prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs and, if a 655 civil action or proceeding is voluntarily dismissed, may award 656 reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the party against whom the 657 civil action or proceeding is brought. 658
- (H)(1) Except as provided in divisions (H)(4) and (N) of this 659 section, a report made under this section is confidential. The 660 information provided in a report made pursuant to this section and 661 the name of the person who made the report shall not be released 662 for use, and shall not be used, as evidence in any civil action or 663 proceeding brought against the person who made the report. Nothing 664 in this division shall preclude the use of reports of other 665 incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect in a civil action 666 or proceeding brought pursuant to division (M) of this section 667 against a person who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) 668 of this section, provided that any information in a report that 669 would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the 670

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maker of the report, if the maker of the report is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted. In a criminal proceeding, the report is admissible in evidence in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and is subject to discovery in accordance with the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

- (2) No person shall permit or encourage the unauthorized 676 dissemination of the contents of any report made under this 677 section.
- (3) A person who knowingly makes or causes another person to
 make a false report under division (B) of this section that
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 alleges that any person has committed an act or omission that
 resulted in a child being an abused child or a neglected child is
 guilty of a violation of section 2921.14 of the Revised Code.
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- (4) If a report is made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of 684 this section and the child who is the subject of the report dies 685 for any reason at any time after the report is made, but before 686 the child attains eighteen years of age, the public children 687 services agency or municipal or county peace officer to which the 688 report was made or referred, on the request of the child fatality 689 review board, shall submit a summary sheet of information 690 providing a summary of the report to the review board of the 691 county in which the deceased child resided at the time of death. 692 On the request of the review board, the agency or peace officer 693 may, at its discretion, make the report available to the review 694 board. If the county served by the public children services agency 695 is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report of 696 alleged sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a 697 child is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates 698 the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, the agency 699 or center shall perform the duties and functions specified in this 700 division in accordance with the interagency agreement entered into 701 under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that 702

| advocacy center. | 703 |
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| (5) A public children services agency shall advise a person | 704 |
| alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on a child who is the | 705 |
| subject of a report made pursuant to this section, including a | 706 |
| report alleging sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse | 707 |
| of a child referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an | 708 |
| interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the | 709 |
| Revised Code, in writing of the disposition of the investigation. | 710 |
| The agency shall not provide to the person any information that | 711 |
| identifies the person who made the report, statements of | 712 |
| witnesses, or police or other investigative reports. | 713 |
| (I) Any report that is required by this section, other than a | 714 |
| report that is made to the state highway patrol as described in | 715 |
| section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, shall result in protective | 716 |
| services and emergency supportive services being made available by | 717 |
| the public children services agency on behalf of the children | 718 |
| about whom the report is made, in an effort to prevent further | 719 |
| neglect or abuse, to enhance their welfare, and, whenever | 720 |
| possible, to preserve the family unit intact. The agency required | 721 |
| to provide the services shall be the agency conducting the | 722 |
| investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the | 723 |
| Revised Code. | 724 |
| (J)(1) Each public children services agency shall prepare a | 725 |
| memorandum of understanding that is signed by all of the | 726 |
| following: | 727 |
| (a) If there is only one juvenile judge in the county, the | 728 |
| juvenile judge of the county or the juvenile judge's | 729 |
| representative; | 730 |
| (b) If there is more than one juvenile judge in the county, a | 731 |
| juvenile judge or the juvenile judges' representative selected by | 732 |

the juvenile judges or, if they are unable to do so for any

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| reason, the juvenile judge who is senior in point of service or | 734 |
| the senior juvenile judge's representative; | 735 |
| (c) The county peace officer; | 736 |
| (d) All chief municipal peace officers within the county; | 737 |
| (e) Other law enforcement officers handling child abuse and | 738 |
| neglect cases in the county; | 739 |
| (f) The prosecuting attorney of the county; | 740 |
| (g) If the public children services agency is not the county | 741 |
| department of job and family services, the county department of | 742 |
| job and family services; | 743 |
| (h) The county humane society; | 744 |
| (i) If the public children services agency participated in | 745 |
| the execution of a memorandum of understanding under section | 746 |
| 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy | 747 |
| center, each participating member of the children's advocacy | 748 |
| center established by the memorandum. | 749 |
| (2) A memorandum of understanding shall set forth the normal | 750 |
| operating procedure to be employed by all concerned officials in | 751 |
| the execution of their respective responsibilities under this | 752 |
| section and division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of | 753 |
| section 2919.22, division (B) of section 2919.23, and section | 754 |
| 2919.24 of the Revised Code and shall have as two of its primary | 755 |
| goals the elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children | 756 |
| who are the subject of reports made pursuant to division (A) or | 757 |
| (B) of this section and, when feasible, providing for only one | 758 |
| interview of a child who is the subject of any report made | 759 |
| pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section. A failure to | 760 |
| follow the procedure set forth in the memorandum by the concerned | 761 |
| officials is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the | 762 |
| dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from any reported | 763 |

| case of abuse or neglect or the suppression of any evidence | 764 |
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| obtained as a result of any reported child abuse or child neglect | 765 |
| and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any | 766 |
| rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any | 767 |
| person. | 768 |
| (3) A memorandum of understanding shall include all of the | 769 |
| following: | 770 |
| (a) The roles and responsibilities for handling emergency and | 771 |
| nonemergency cases of abuse and neglect; | 772 |
| (b) Standards and procedures to be used in handling and | 773 |
| coordinating investigations of reported cases of child abuse and | 774 |
| reported cases of child neglect, methods to be used in | 775 |
| interviewing the child who is the subject of the report and who | 776 |
| allegedly was abused or neglected, and standards and procedures | 777 |
| addressing the categories of persons who may interview the child | 778 |
| who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or | 779 |
| neglected. | 780 |
| (4) If a public children services agency participated in the | 781 |
| execution of a memorandum of understanding under section 2151.426 | 782 |
| of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, the | 783 |
| agency shall incorporate the contents of that memorandum in the | 784 |
| memorandum prepared pursuant to this section. | 785 |
| (5) The clerk of the court of common pleas in the county may | 786 |
| sign the memorandum of understanding prepared under division | 787 |
| (J)(1) of this section. If the clerk signs the memorandum of | 788 |
| understanding, the clerk shall execute all relevant | 789 |
| responsibilities as required of officials specified in the | 790 |
| memorandum. | 791 |
| (K)(1) Except as provided in division $(K)(4)$ of this section, | 792 |
| a person who is required to make a report pursuant to division (A) | 793 |

of this section may make a reasonable number of requests of the

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| public children services agency that receives or is referred the | 795 |
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| report, or of the children's advocacy center that is referred the | 796 |
| report if the report is referred to a children's advocacy center | 797 |
| pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section | 798 |
| 2151.428 of the Revised Code, to be provided with the following | 799 |
| information: | 800 |
| (a) Whether the agency or center has initiated an | 801 |
| investigation of the report; | 802 |
| (b) Whether the agency or center is continuing to investigate | 803 |
| the report; | 804 |
| (c) Whether the agency or center is otherwise involved with | 805 |
| the child who is the subject of the report; | 806 |
| (d) The general status of the health and safety of the child | 807 |
| who is the subject of the report; | 808 |
| (e) Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a | 809 |
| complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another | 810 |
| court. | 811 |
| (2) A person may request the information specified in | 812 |
| division $(K)(1)$ of this section only if, at the time the report is | 813 |
| made, the person's name, address, and telephone number are | 814 |
| provided to the person who receives the report. | 815 |
| When a municipal or county peace officer or employee of a | 816 |
| public children services agency receives a report pursuant to | 817 |
| division (A) or (B) of this section the recipient of the report | 818 |
| shall inform the person of the right to request the information | 819 |
| described in division (K)(1) of this section. The recipient of the | 820 |
| report shall include in the initial child abuse or child neglect | 821 |
| report that the person making the report was so informed and, if | 822 |

provided at the time of the making of the report, shall include

the person's name, address, and telephone number in the report.

Each request is subject to verification of the identity of 825 the person making the report. If that person's identity is 826 verified, the agency shall provide the person with the information 827 described in division (K)(1) of this section a reasonable number 828 of times, except that the agency shall not disclose any 829 confidential information regarding the child who is the subject of 830 the report other than the information described in those 831 divisions. 832

- (3) A request made pursuant to division (K)(1) of this 833 section is not a substitute for any report required to be made 834 pursuant to division (A) of this section. 835
- (4) If an agency other than the agency that received or was
 referred the report is conducting the investigation of the report
 pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code, the agency
 conducting the investigation shall comply with the requirements of
 division (K) of this section.

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- (L) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules 841 in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement 842 this section. The department of job and family services may enter 843 into a plan of cooperation with any other governmental entity to 844 aid in ensuring that children are protected from abuse and 845 neglect. The department shall make recommendations to the attorney 846 general that the department determines are necessary to protect 847 children from child abuse and child neglect. 848
- (M) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is liable 849 for compensatory and exemplary damages to the child who would have 850 been the subject of the report that was not made. A person who 851 brings a civil action or proceeding pursuant to this division 852 against a person who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) 853 of this section may use in the action or proceeding reports of 854 other incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect, provided 855 that any information in a report that would identify the child who 856

is the subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the 857 maker is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the 858 defendant, has been redacted. 859

(N)(1) As used in this division:

- (a) "Out-of-home care" includes a nonchartered nonpublic 861 school if the alleged child abuse or child neglect, or alleged 862 threat of child abuse or child neglect, described in a report 863 received by a public children services agency allegedly occurred 864 in or involved the nonchartered nonpublic school and the alleged 865 perpetrator named in the report holds a certificate, permit, or 866 license issued by the state board of education under section 867 3301.071 or Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code. 868
- (b) "Administrator, director, or other chief administrative 869 officer" means the superintendent of the school district if the 870 out-of-home care entity subject to a report made pursuant to this 871 section is a school operated by the district. 872
- (2) No later than the end of the day following the day on 873 which a public children services agency receives a report of 874 alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged 875 threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in 876 or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide 877 written notice of the allegations contained in and the person 878 named as the alleged perpetrator in the report to the 879 administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of 880 the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report 881 unless the administrator, director, or other chief administrative 882 officer is named as an alleged perpetrator in the report. If the 883 administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of 884 an out-of-home care entity is named as an alleged perpetrator in a 885 report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an 886 alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly 887 occurred in or involved the out-of-home care entity, the agency 888

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| shall provide the written notice to the owner or governing board | 889 |
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| of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report. | 890 |
| The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other | 891 |
| investigative reports. | 892 |
| (3) No later than three days after the day on which a public | 893 |
| children services agency that conducted the investigation as | 894 |
| determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code makes | 895 |
| a disposition of an investigation involving a report of alleged | 896 |
| child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of | 897 |
| child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or | 898 |
| involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall send written | 899 |
| notice of the disposition of the investigation to the | 900 |
| administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer and | 901 |
| the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity. The | 902 |
| agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other | 903 |
| investigative reports. | 904 |
| (0) As used in this section, "investigation" means the public | 905 |
| children services agency's response to an accepted report of child | 906 |
| abuse or neglect through either an alternative response or a | 907 |
| traditional response. | 908 |
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| Sec. 5103.02. As used in sections 5103.03 to 5103.17 of the | 909 |
| Revised Code: | 910 |
| (A)(1) "Association" or "institution" includes all of the | 911 |
| following: | 912 |
| (a) Any incorporated or unincorporated organization, society, | 913 |
| association, or agency, public or private, that receives or cares | 914 |
| for children for two or more consecutive weeks; | 915 |
| (b) Any individual, including the operator of a foster home, | 916 |

who, for hire, gain, or reward, receives or cares for children for

two or more consecutive weeks, unless the individual is related to

them by blood or marriage; 919 (c) Any individual not in the regular employ of a court, or 920 of an institution or association certified in accordance with 921 section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, who in any manner becomes a 922 party to the placing of children in foster homes, unless the 923 individual is related to such children by blood or marriage or is 924 the appointed guardian of such children. 925 (2) "Association" or "institution" does not include any of 926 the following: 927 (a) Any organization, society, association, school, agency, 928 child guidance center, detention or rehabilitation facility, or 929 children's clinic licensed, regulated, approved, operated under 930 the direction of, or otherwise certified by the department of 931 education, a local board of education, the department of youth 932 services, the department of mental health and addiction services, 933 or the department of developmental disabilities; 934 (b) Any individual who provides care for only a single-family 935 group, placed there by their parents or other relative having 936 custody; 937 (c) A private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp. 938 (B) "Family foster home" means a foster home that is not a 939 specialized foster home. 940 (C) "Foster caregiver" means a person holding a valid foster 941 home certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code. 942 (D) "Foster home" means a private residence in which children 943 are received apart from their parents, guardian, or legal 944 custodian, by an individual reimbursed for providing the children 945 nonsecure care, supervision, or training twenty-four hours a day. 946 "Foster home" does not include care provided for a child in the 947

home of a person other than the child's parent, guardian, or legal

| custodian while the parent, guardian, or legal custodian is | 949 |
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| temporarily away. Family foster homes and specialized foster homes | 950 |
| are types of foster homes. | 951 |
| (E) "Medically fragile foster home" means a foster home that | 952 |
| provides specialized medical services designed to meet the needs | 953 |
| of children with intensive health care needs who meet all of the | 954 |
| following criteria: | 955 |
| (1) Under rules adopted by the medicaid director governing | 956 |
| medicaid payments for long-term care services, the children | 957 |
| require a skilled level of care. | 958 |
| (2) The children require the services of a doctor of medicine | 959 |
| or osteopathic medicine at least once a week due to the | 960 |
| instability of their medical conditions. | 961 |
| (3) The children require the services of a registered nurse | 962 |
| on a daily basis. | 963 |
| (4) The children are at risk of institutionalization in a | 964 |
| hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility | 965 |
| for individuals with intellectual disabilities. | 966 |
| (F) "Private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp" means a | 967 |
| structured, alternative residential setting for children who are | 968 |
| experiencing emotional, behavioral, moral, social, or learning | 969 |
| difficulties at home or school in which all of the following are | 970 |
| the case: | 971 |
| (1) The children spend the majority of their time, including | 972 |
| overnight, either outdoors or in a primitive structure. | 973 |
| (2) The children have been placed there by their parents or | 974 |
| another relative having custody. | 975 |
| (3) The camp accepts no public funds for use in its | 976 |
| operations. | 977 |
| (G) "Recommending agency" means a public children services | 978 |

be met by a private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp:

(1) The camp shall develop and implement a written policy

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| that establishes all of the following: | 1008 |
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| (a) Standards for hiring, training, and supervising staff; | 1009 |
| (b) Standards for behavioral intervention, including | 1010 |
| standards prohibiting the use of prone restraint and governing the | 1011 |
| use of other restraints or isolation; | 1012 |
| (c) Standards for recordkeeping, including specifying | 1013 |
| information that must be included in each child's record, who may | 1014 |
| access records, confidentiality, maintenance, security, and | 1015 |
| disposal of records; | 1016 |
| (d) A procedure for handling complaints about the camp from | 1017 |
| the children attending the camp, their families, staff, and the | 1018 |
| <pre>public;</pre> | 1019 |
| (e) Standards for emergency and disaster preparedness, | 1020 |
| including procedures for emergency evacuation and standards | 1021 |
| requiring that a method of emergency communication be accessible | 1022 |
| at all times; | 1023 |
| (f) Standards that ensure the protection of children's civil | 1024 |
| rights; | 1025 |
| (g) Standards for the admission and discharge of children | 1026 |
| attending the camp, including standards for emergency discharge. | 1027 |
| (2) The camp shall cooperate with any request from the | 1028 |
| director for an inspection or for access to records or written | 1029 |
| policies of the camp. | 1030 |
| Sec. 5103.51. A license issued under section 5103.50 of the | 1031 |
| Revised Code is valid for five years, unless earlier revoked by | 1031 |
| the director of job and family services. The license may be | 1032 |
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| renewed. | 1034 |
| Each private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp seeking | 1035 |
| license renewal shall submit to the director an application for | 1036 |

| license renewal on such form as the director prescribes. If the | 1037 |
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| camp meets the minimum standards specified in section 5103.50 of | 1038 |
| the Revised Code, the director shall renew the license. | 1039 |
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| Sec. 5103.52. (A) The director of job and family services may | 1040 |
| inspect a private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp at any | 1041 |
| time. The director may delegate this authority to a county | 1042 |
| department of job and family services. | 1043 |
| (B) The director may request access to the camp's records or | 1044 |
| to the written policies adopted by the camp pursuant to section | 1045 |
| 5103.50 of the Revised Code. The director may delegate this | 1046 |
| authority to a county department of job and family services. | 1047 |
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| Sec. 5103.53. A private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness | 1048 |
| camp shall not operate without a license issued under section | 1049 |
| 5103.50 of the Revised Code. If the director of job and family | 1050 |
| services determines that a camp is operating without a license, | 1051 |
| the director may petition the court of common pleas in the county | 1052 |
| in which the camp is located for an order enjoining its operation. | 1053 |
| The court shall grant injunctive relief upon a showing that the | 1054 |
| camp is operating without a license. | 1055 |
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| Sec. 5103.54. If a licensed private, nonprofit therapeutic | 1056 |
| wilderness camp fails to meet the minimum standards set forth in | 1057 |
| section 5103.50 of the Revised Code, the director of job and | 1058 |
| family services shall notify the camp that the director intends to | 1059 |
| revoke the license. Unless the violation poses an imminent risk to | 1060 |
| the life, health, or safety of one or more children attending the | 1061 |
| camp, the director shall give the camp ninety days to meet the | 1062 |
| minimum standards. If the violation poses an imminent risk to the | 1063 |
| life, health, or safety of one or more children attending the camp | 1064 |
| or the camp fails to meet the minimum standards within ninety days | 1065 |
| of receipt of the notice of revocation, the director shall revoke | 1066 |

| the license. An order of revocation under this section may be | 1067 |
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| appealed in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. | 1068 |
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| Sec. 5103.55. A parent of a child attending a private, | 1069 |
| nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp is not relieved of the | 1070 |
| parent's obligations regarding compulsory school attendance | 1071 |
| pursuant to section 3321.04 of the Revised Code. | 1072 |
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| Section 2. That existing sections 2151.011, 2151.421, and | 1073 |
| 5103.02 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. | 1074 |
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| Section 3. The amendments to divisions $(B)(49)$ and (50) of | 1075 |
| section 2151.011 of the Revised Code by Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the | 1076 |
| 130th General Assembly, which appear in this act and are to take | 1077 |
| effect on July 1, 2014, are not accelerated by their inclusion in | 1078 |
| this act. | 1079 |
| Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency | 1080 |
| measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public | 1081 |
| peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to | 1082 |
| ensure that private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camps may | 1083 |
| continue to provide critical services to at-risk youth in Ohio | 1084 |
| without interruption. | 1085 |