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To enact section 5123.193 of the Revised Code 1
regarding the admission of sex offenders to 2
residential facilities for persons with 3
developmental disabilities. 4

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

Section 1. That section 5123.193 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 5123.193. (A) Before an individual is admitted as a 7
resident to a residential facility, the residential facility shall 8
do both of the following: 9

(1) Search for the individual's name in the internet-based 10
sex offender and child-victim offender database established under 11
division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code; 12

(2) If the search results identify the individual as a sex 13
offender, notify both of the following that the individual may be 14
admitted to the residential facility: 15

(a) All local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over 16
the residential facility's location; 17

(b) Leaders of the community in which the residential 18
facility is located who the residential facility has reason to 19

believe would help disseminate to other members of the community 20
the information about the individual's possible admission. 21

(B) Each residential facility shall develop a protocol for 22
establishing and implementing all of the following plans when the 23
residential facility admits as a resident an individual who is 24
identified as a sex offender pursuant to the search conducted 25
under division (A)(1) of this section: 26

(1) A resident supervision plan that provides for the 27
residential facility to identify and provide the proper amount of 28
supervision the individual needs at the residential facility; 29

(2) A medical emergency plan for the individual and other 30
residents of the residential facility; 31

(3) A community engagement plan that includes methods for 32
both of the following: 33

(a) Members of the community in which the residential 34
facility is located to express concerns about the residential 35
facility's operation; 36

(b) The residential facility to address the community 37
members' concerns that are expressed to the residential facility. 38

(C) A residential facility that admits as a resident an 39
individual who is identified as a sex offender pursuant to the 40
search conducted under division (A)(1) of this section shall do 41
both of the following: 42

(1) In accordance with the protocol developed under division 43
(B) of this section, establish and implement the plans specified 44
in that division; 45

(2) Subject to division (D) of this section, provide copies 46
of the plans to the local law enforcement agencies and community 47
leaders to whom the residential facility provides notice about the 48
individual pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section. 49

(D) A residential facility shall redact all medical 50
information about individuals from the copies of the plans that 51
the residential facility provides to local law enforcement 52
agencies and community leaders pursuant to division (C)(2) of this 53
section. 54