

consent. The court and attorney shall keep a copy of the consent in the court and attorney's records of the adoption.

Sec. 3107.083. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall do all of the following:

(A)(1) For a parent of a child who, if adopted, will be an adopted person as defined in section 3107.45 of the Revised Code, prescribe a form that has the following six components:

(a) A component the parent signs under section 3107.071, 3107.081, or 5103.151 of the Revised Code to indicate the requirements of section 3107.082 or 5103.152 of the Revised Code have been met. The component shall be as follows:

"Statement Concerning Ohio Law and Adoption Materials

By signing this component of this form, I acknowledge that it has been explained to me, and I understand, that, if I check the space on the next component of this form that indicates that I authorize the release, the adoption file maintained by the Ohio Department of Health, which contains identifying information about me at the time of my child's birth, will be released, on request, to the adoptive parent when the adoptee is at least age eighteen but younger than age twenty-one and to the adoptee when he or she is age twenty-one or older. It has also been explained to me, and I understand, that I may prohibit the release of identifying information about me contained in the adoption file by checking the space on the next component of this form that indicates that I do not authorize the release of the identifying information. It has additionally been explained to me, and I understand, that I may change my mind regarding the decision I make on the next component of this form at any time and as many times as I desire by signing, dating, and having filed with the Ohio Department of Health a denial of release form or authorization of release form prescribed and provided by the Department of Health and providing the Department two items of identification.

By signing this component of this form, I also acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of written materials about adoption prepared by the Ohio Department of ~~Job~~ Children and ~~Family Services~~ Youth, the adoption process and ramifications of consenting to adoption or entering into a voluntary permanent custody surrender agreement have been discussed with me, and I have been provided the opportunity to review the materials and ask questions about the materials and discussion.

Signature of biological parent:

Signature of witness:

Date: "

(b) A component the parent signs under section 3107.071, 3107.081, or 5103.151 of the Revised Code regarding the parent's decision whether to allow identifying information about the parent contained in an adoption file maintained by the department of health to be released to the parent's child and adoptive parent pursuant to section 3107.47 of the Revised Code. The component shall be as follows:

"Statement Regarding Release of Identifying Information

The purpose of this component of this form is to allow a biological parent to decide whether to allow the Ohio Department of Health to provide an adoptee and adoptive parent identifying information about the adoptee's biological parent contained in an adoption file maintained by the Department. Please check one of the following spaces:

- YES, I authorize the Ohio Department of Health to release identifying information about me, on request, to the adoptive parent when the adoptee is at least age eighteen but younger than age twenty-one and to the adoptee when he or she is age twenty-one or older.
- NO, I do not authorize the release of identifying information about me to the adoptive parent or adoptee.

Signature of biological parent:

Signature of witness:

Date: "

(c) A component the parent, if the mother of the child, completes and signs under section 3107.071, 3107.081, or 5103.151 of the Revised Code to indicate, to the extent of the mother's knowledge, all of the following:

(i) Whether the mother, during her pregnancy, was a recipient of the medicaid program or other public health insurance program and, if so, the dates her eligibility began and ended;

(ii) Whether the mother, during her pregnancy, was covered by private health insurance and, if so, the dates the coverage began and ended, the name of the insurance provider, the type of coverage, and the identification number of the coverage;

(iii) The name and location of the hospital, freestanding birthing center, or other place where the mother gave birth and, if different, received medical care immediately after giving birth;

(iv) The expenses of the obstetrical and neonatal care;

(v) Whether the mother has been informed that the adoptive parent or the agency or attorney arranging the adoption are to pay expenses involved in the adoption, including expenses the mother has paid and expects to

receive or has received reimbursement, and, if so, what expenses are to be or have been paid and an estimate of the expenses;

(vi) Any other information related to expenses the department determines appropriate to be included in this component.

(d) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent materials, other than photographs of the parent, that the parent requests be given to the child or adoptive parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(e) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent photographs of the parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(f) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent the first name of the parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(2) State at the bottom of the form that the parent is to receive a copy of the form the parent signed.

(3) Provide copies of the form prescribed under this division to probate and juvenile courts, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, private noncustodial agencies, attorneys, and persons authorized to take acknowledgments.

(B)(1) For a parent of a child who, if adopted, will become an adopted person as defined in section 3107.38 of the Revised Code, prescribe a form that has the following five components:

(a) A component the parent signs under section 3107.071, 3107.081, or 5103.151 of the Revised Code to attest that the requirement of division (A) of section 3107.082 or division (A) of section 5103.152 of the Revised Code has been met;

(b) A component the parent, if the mother of the child, completes and signs under section 3107.071, 3107.081, or 5103.151 of the Revised Code to indicate, to the extent of the mother's knowledge, all of the following:

(i) Whether the mother, during her pregnancy, was a recipient of the medicaid program or other public health insurance program and, if so, the dates her eligibility began and ended;

(ii) Whether the mother, during her pregnancy, was covered by private health insurance and, if so, the dates the coverage began and ended, the name of the insurance provider, the type of coverage, and the identification number of the coverage;

(iii) The name and location of the hospital, freestanding birthing center, or other place where the mother gave birth and, if different, received

medical care immediately after giving birth;

(iv) The expenses of the obstetrical and neonatal care;

(v) Whether the mother has been informed that the adoptive parent or the agency or attorney arranging the adoption are to pay expenses involved in the adoption, including expenses the mother has paid and expects to receive or has received reimbursement for, and, if so, what expenses are to be or have been paid and an estimate of the expenses;

(vi) Any other information related to expenses the department determines appropriate to be included in the component.

(c) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent materials, other than photographs of the parent, that the parent requests be given to the child or adoptive parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(d) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent photographs of the parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(e) A component the parent may sign to authorize the agency or attorney arranging the adoption to provide to the child or adoptive parent the first name of the parent pursuant to section 3107.68 of the Revised Code.

(2) State at the bottom of the form that the parent is to receive a copy of the form the parent signed.

(3) Provide copies of the form prescribed under this division to probate and juvenile courts, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, private noncustodial agencies, attorneys, and persons authorized to take acknowledgments.

(C) Prepare the written materials about adoption that are required to be given to parents under division (A) of section 3107.082 and division (A) of section 5103.152 of the Revised Code. The materials shall provide information about the adoption process, including ramifications of a parent consenting to a child's adoption or entering into a voluntary permanent custody surrender agreement. The materials also shall include referral information for professional counseling and adoption support organizations. The director shall provide the materials to assessors.

(D) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the documents that must be filed with a probate court under divisions (B) and (D) of section 3107.081 of the Revised Code and a juvenile court under divisions (C) and (E) of section 5103.151 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3107.09. (A) The department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall prescribe and supply forms for the taking of social and medical

histories of the biological parents of a minor available for adoption.

(B) An assessor shall record the social and medical histories of the biological parents of a minor available for adoption, unless the minor is to be adopted by the minor's stepparent or grandparent. The assessor shall use the forms prescribed pursuant to division (A) of this section. The assessor shall not include on the forms identifying information about the biological parents or other ancestors of the minor.

(C) A social history shall describe and identify the age; ethnic, racial, religious, marital, and physical characteristics; and educational, cultural, talent and hobby, and work experience background of the biological parents of the minor. A medical history shall identify major diseases, malformations, allergies, ear or eye defects, major conditions, and major health problems of the biological parents that are or may be congenital or familial. These histories may include other social and medical information relative to the biological parents and shall include social and medical information relative to the minor's other ancestors.

The social and medical histories may be obtained through interviews with the biological parents or other persons and from any available records if a biological parent or any legal guardian of a biological parent consents to the release of information contained in a record. An assessor who considers it necessary may request that a biological parent undergo a medical examination. In obtaining social and medical histories of a biological parent, an assessor shall inform the biological parent, or a person other than a biological parent who provides information pursuant to this section, of the purpose and use of the histories and of the biological parent's or other person's right to correct or expand the histories at any time.

(D) A biological parent, or another person who provided information in the preparation of the social and medical histories of the biological parents of a minor, may cause the histories to be corrected or expanded to include different or additional types of information. The biological parent or other person may cause the histories to be corrected or expanded at any time prior or subsequent to the adoption of the minor, including any time after the minor becomes an adult. A biological parent may cause the histories to be corrected or expanded even if the biological parent did not provide any information to the assessor at the time the histories were prepared.

To cause the histories to be corrected or expanded, a biological parent or other person who provided information shall provide the information to be included or specify the information to be corrected to whichever of the following is appropriate under the circumstances:

(1) Subject to divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section, to the assessor

who prepared the histories if the biological parent or other person knows the assessor;

(2) Subject to division (D)(3) of this section, to the court involved in the adoption or, if that court is not known, to the department of health, if the biological parent or person does not know the assessor or finds that the assessor has ceased to perform assessments;

(3) To the department of health, if the histories were originally completed by the biological parent pursuant to section 3107.393 of the Revised Code or, regardless of whether the histories were originally completed pursuant to this section or section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code, the biological parent seeks to correct or expand the histories at the same time the biological parent completes a contact preference form pursuant to section 3107.39 of the Revised Code or a biological parent's name redaction request form pursuant to section 3107.391 of the Revised Code.

An assessor who receives information from a biological parent or other person pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section shall determine whether the information is of a type that divisions (B) and (C) of this section permit to be included in the histories. If the assessor determines the information is of a permissible type, the assessor shall cause the histories to be corrected or expanded to reflect the information. If, at the time the information is received, the histories have been filed with the court as required by division (E) of this section, the court shall cooperate with the assessor in correcting or expanding the histories.

If the department of health or a court receives information from a biological parent or other person pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section or the department receives information from a biological parent pursuant to division (D)(3) of this section, it shall determine whether the information is of a type that divisions (B) and (C) of this section permit to be included in the histories. If a court determines the information is of a permissible type, the court shall cause the histories to be corrected or expanded to reflect the information. If the department of health so determines, the court involved shall cooperate with the department in the correcting or expanding of the histories.

An assessor or the department of health shall notify a biological parent or other person in writing if the assessor or department determines that information the biological parent or other person provided or specified for inclusion in a history is not of a type that may be included in a history. On receipt of the notice, the biological parent or other person may petition the court involved in the adoption to make a finding as to whether the

information is of a type that may be included in a history. On receipt of the petition, the court shall issue its finding without holding a hearing. If the court finds that the information is of a type that may be included in a history, it shall cause the history to be corrected or expanded to reflect the information.

(E) An assessor shall file the social and medical histories of the biological parents prepared pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of this section with the court with which a petition to adopt the biological parents' child is filed. The court promptly shall provide a copy of the social and medical histories filed with it to the petitioner. In a case involving the adoption of a minor by any person other than the minor's stepparent or grandparent, a court may refuse to issue an interlocutory order or final decree of adoption if the histories of the biological parents have not been so filed, unless the assessor certifies to the court that information needed to prepare the histories is unavailable for reasons beyond the assessor's control.

Sec. 3107.091. (A) As used in this section, "biological parent" means a biological parent whose offspring, as a minor, was adopted and with respect to whom a medical and social history was not prepared prior or subsequent to the adoption.

(B) A biological parent may request the department of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ to provide the biological parent with a copy of the social and medical history forms prescribed by the department pursuant to section 3107.09 of the Revised Code. The department, upon receipt of such a request, shall provide the forms to the biological parent, if the biological parent indicates that the forms are being requested so that the adoption records of the biological parent's offspring will include a social and medical history of the biological parent.

In completing the forms, the biological parent may include information described in division (C) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code, but shall not include identifying information. When the biological parent has completed the forms to the extent the biological parent wishes to provide information, the biological parent shall return them to the department. The department shall review the completed forms, and shall determine whether the information included by the biological parent is of a type permissible under divisions (B) and (C) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code and, to the best of its ability, whether the information is accurate. If it determines that the forms contain accurate, permissible information, the department, after excluding from the forms any information the department deems impermissible, shall file them with the court that entered the interlocutory order or final decree of adoption in the adoption case. If the department

needs assistance in determining that court, the department of health, upon request, shall assist it.

The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall notify the biological parent in writing if it excludes from the biological parent's social and medical history forms information deemed impermissible. On receipt of the notice, the biological parent may petition the court with which the forms were filed to make a finding as to whether the information is permissible. On receipt of the petition, the court shall issue its finding without holding a hearing. If the court finds the information is permissible, it shall cause the information to be included on the forms.

Upon receiving social and medical history forms pursuant to this section, a court shall cause them to be filed in the records pertaining to the adoption case.

Social and medical history forms completed by a biological parent pursuant to this section may be corrected or expanded by the biological parent in accordance with division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code.

Access to the histories shall be granted in accordance with division (D) of section 3107.17 of the Revised Code.

(C) This section does not preclude a biological parent from completing a social and medical history in accordance with section 3107.393 of the Revised Code instead of this section.

Sec. 3107.10. (A)(1) A public children services agency arranging an adoption in a county other than the county where that public children services agency is located, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency, or an attorney arranging an adoption, shall notify the public children services agency in the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides within ten days after initiation of a home study required under section 3107.031 of the Revised Code.

(2) After a public children services agency has received notification pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, both the public children services agency arranging an adoption in a county other than the county where that public children services agency is located, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or attorney arranging an adoption, and the public children services agency shall share relevant information regarding the prospective adoptive parent as soon as possible after initiation of the home study.

(B) A public children services agency arranging an adoption in a county other than the county where that public children services agency is located, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency, or an attorney

arranging an adoption, shall notify the public children services agency in the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides of an impending adoptive placement not later than ten days prior to that placement. Notification shall include a description of the special needs and the age of the prospective adoptive child and the name of the prospective adoptive parent and number of children that will be residing in the prospective adoptive home when the prospective adoptive child is placed in the prospective adoptive home.

(C) An agency or attorney sharing relevant information pursuant to this section is immune from liability in a civil action to recover damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly caused by any act or omission in connection with sharing relevant information unless the acts or omissions are with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner.

(D) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section, including, but not limited to, a definition of "relevant information" for the purposes of division (A) of this section.

(E) This section does not apply to an adoption by a stepparent whose spouse is a biological or adoptive parent of the minor to be adopted.

Sec. 3107.101. (A) Not later than seven days after a minor to be adopted is placed in a prospective adoptive home pursuant to section 5103.16 of the Revised Code, the assessor providing placement or post placement services in the prospective adoptive home shall begin monthly prospective adoptive home visits in that home, until the court issues a final decree of adoption. During the prospective adoptive home visits, the assessor shall evaluate the progression of the placement in the prospective adoptive home. The assessor shall include the evaluation in the prefinalization assessment required under section 3107.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) During the prospective home visit required under division (A) of this section, the assessor shall make face-to-face contact with the prospective adoptive parent and the minor to be adopted. The assessor shall make contact, as prescribed by rule under division (C) of this section, with all other children or adults residing in the prospective adoptive home.

(C) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

(D) This section does not apply to an adoption by a stepparent whose spouse is a biological or adoptive parent of the minor to be adopted.

Sec. 3107.12. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an assessor shall conduct a prefinalization assessment of a minor and petitioner before a court issues a final decree of adoption or finalizes an interlocutory order of adoption for the minor. On completion of the assessment, the assessor shall prepare a written report of the assessment and provide a copy of the report to the court before which the adoption petition is pending.

The report of a prefinalization assessment shall include all of the following:

(1) The adjustment of the minor and the petitioner to the adoptive placement;

(2) The present and anticipated needs of the minor and the petitioner, as determined by a review of the minor's medical and social history, for adoption-related services, including assistance under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C.A. 670, as amended, or section 5153.163 of the Revised Code and counseling, case management services, crisis services, diagnostic services, and therapeutic counseling.

(3) The physical, mental, and developmental condition of the minor;

(4) If known, the minor's biological family background, including identifying information about the biological or other legal parents;

(5) The reasons for the minor's placement with the petitioner, the petitioner's attitude toward the proposed adoption, and the circumstances under which the minor was placed in the home of the petitioner;

(6) The attitude of the minor toward the proposed adoption, if the minor's age makes this feasible;

(7) If the minor is an Indian child, as defined in 25 U.S.C.A. 1903(4), how the placement complies with the "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978," 92 Stat. 3069, 25 U.S.C.A. 1901, as amended;

(8) If known, the minor's psychological background, including prior abuse of the child and behavioral problems of the child;

(9) If applicable, the documents or forms required under sections 3107.032, 3107.10, and 3107.101 of the Revised Code.

The assessor shall file the prefinalization report with the court not later than twenty days prior to the date scheduled for the final hearing on the adoption unless the court determines there is good cause for filing the report at a later date.

The assessor shall provide a copy of the written report of the assessment to the petitioner with the identifying information about the biological or other legal parents redacted.

(B) This section does not apply if the petitioner is the minor's stepparent, unless a court, after determining a prefinalization assessment is

in the best interest of the minor, orders that an assessor conduct a prefinalization assessment.

(C) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code defining "counseling," "case management services," "crisis services," "diagnostic services," and "therapeutic counseling" for the purpose of this section.

Sec. 3107.13. (A) A final decree of adoption shall not be issued and an interlocutory order of adoption does not become final, until the person to be adopted has lived in the adoptive home for at least six months after placement by an agency, or for at least six months after the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth or the court has been informed of the placement of the person with the petitioner, and the department or court has had an opportunity to observe or investigate the adoptive home, or in the case of adoption by a stepparent, until at least six months after the filing of the petition, or until the child has lived in the home for at least six months.

(B) In the case of a foster caregiver adopting a foster child or person adopting a child to whom the person is related, the court shall apply the amount of time the child lived in the foster caregiver's or relative's home prior to the date the foster caregiver or relative files the petition to adopt the child toward the six-month waiting period established by division (A) of this section.

Sec. 3107.141. After an assessor files a home study report under section 3107.031, a social and medical history under section 3107.09, or a prefinalization assessment report under section 3107.12 of the Revised Code, or the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth or department of health files a social and medical history under section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code, a court may do either or both of the following if the court determines the report or history does not comply with the requirements governing the report or history or, in the case of a home study or prefinalization assessment report, does not enable the court to determine whether an adoption is in the best interest of the minor to be adopted:

(A) Order the assessor or department to redo or supplement the report or history in a manner the court directs;

(B) Appoint a different assessor to redo or supplement the report or history in a manner the court directs.

Sec. 3107.17. (A) All hearings held under sections 3107.01 to 3107.19 of the Revised Code shall be held in closed court without the admittance of any person other than essential officers of the court, the parties, the witnesses of the parties, counsel, persons who have not previously

consented to an adoption but who are required to consent, and representatives of the agencies present to perform their official duties.

(B)(1) Except as provided in divisions (B)(2) and (D) of this section, sections 3107.38 and 3107.381, and sections 3107.60 to 3107.68 of the Revised Code, no person or governmental entity shall knowingly reveal any information contained in a paper, book, or record pertaining to an adoption that is part of the permanent record of a court or maintained by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~, an agency, or attorney without the consent of a court.

(2) An agency or attorney may examine the agency's or attorney's own papers, books, and records pertaining to an adoption without a court's consent for official administrative purposes. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ may examine its own papers, books, and records pertaining to an adoption, or such papers, books, and records of an agency, without a court's consent for official administrative, certification, and eligibility determination purposes.

(C) The petition, the interlocutory order, the final decree of adoption, and other adoption proceedings shall be recorded in a book kept for such purposes and shall be separately indexed. The book shall be a part of the records of the court, and all consents, affidavits, and other papers shall be properly filed.

(D) All forms that pertain to the social or medical histories of the biological parents of an adopted person and that were completed pursuant to section 3107.09, 3107.091, or 3107.393 of the Revised Code shall be filed only in the permanent record kept by the court. During the minority of the adopted person, only the adoptive parents of the person may inspect the forms. When an adopted person reaches majority, only the adopted person may inspect the forms. Under the circumstances described in this division, an adopted person or the adoptive parents are entitled to inspect the forms upon requesting the clerk of the court to produce them.

(E)(1) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ shall prescribe a form that permits any person who is authorized by division (D) of this section to inspect forms that pertain to the social or medical histories of the biological parents and that were completed pursuant to section 3107.09, 3107.091, or 3107.393 of the Revised Code to request notice if any correction or expansion of either such history, made pursuant to division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code, is made a part of the permanent record kept by the court. The form shall be designed to facilitate the provision of the information and statements described in division (E)(3) of this section. The department shall provide copies of the form to each court.

A court shall provide a copy of the request form to each adoptive parent when a final decree of adoption is entered and shall explain to each adoptive parent at that time that an adoptive parent who completes and files the form will be notified of any correction or expansion of either the social or medical history of the biological parents of the adopted person made during the minority of the adopted person that is made a part of the permanent record kept by the court, and that, during the adopted person's minority, the adopted person may inspect the forms that pertain to those histories. Upon request, the court also shall provide a copy of the request form to any adoptive parent during the minority of the adopted person and to an adopted person who has reached the age of majority.

(2) Any person who is authorized to inspect forms pursuant to division (D) of this section who wishes to be notified of corrections or expansions pursuant to division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code that are made a part of the permanent record kept by the court shall file with the court, on a copy of the form prescribed by the department of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section, a request for such notification that contains the information and statements required by division (E)(3) of this section. A request may be filed at any time if the person who files the request is authorized at that time to inspect forms that pertain to the social or medical histories.

(3) A request for notification as described in division (E)(2) of this section shall contain all of the following information:

- (a) The adopted person's name and mailing address at that time;
- (b) The name of each adoptive parent, and if the adoptive person is a minor at the time of the filing of the request, the mailing address of each adoptive parent at that time;
- (c) The adopted person's date of birth;
- (d) The date of entry of the final decree of adoption;
- (e) A statement requesting the court to notify the person who files the request, at the address provided in the request, if any correction or expansion of either the social or medical history of the biological parents is made a part of the permanent record kept by the court;
- (f) A statement that the person who files the request is authorized, at the time of the filing, to inspect the forms that pertain to the social and medical histories of the biological parents;
- (g) The signature of the person who files the request.

(4) Upon the filing of a request for notification in accordance with division (E)(2) of this section, the clerk of the court in which it is filed immediately shall insert the request in the permanent record of the case. A

person who has filed the request and who wishes to update it with respect to a new mailing address may inform the court in writing of the new address. Upon its receipt, the court promptly shall insert the new address into the permanent record by attaching it to the request. Thereafter, any notification described in this division shall be sent to the new address.

(5) Whenever a social or medical history of a biological parent is corrected or expanded and the correction or expansion is made a part of the permanent record kept by the court, the court shall ascertain whether a request for notification has been filed in accordance with division (E)(2) of this section. If such a request has been filed, the court shall determine whether, at that time, the person who filed the request is authorized, under division (D) of this section, to inspect the forms that pertain to the social or medical history of the biological parents. If the court determines that the person who filed the request is so authorized, it immediately shall notify the person that the social or medical history has been corrected or expanded, that it has been made a part of the permanent record kept by the court, and that the forms that pertain to the records may be inspected in accordance with division (D) of this section.

Sec. 3107.39. (A) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall prescribe a contact preference form for biological parents. The form shall include all of the following:

(1) A component in which a biological parent is to indicate one of the following regarding a person who receives, under section 3107.38 of the Revised Code, a copy of the contents of the adoption file of the parent's offspring:

(a) That the biological parent welcomes the person to contact the parent directly;

(b) That the biological parent prefers that the person contact the parent through an intermediary who the parent specifies on the form;

(c) That the biological parent prefers that the person not contact the parent directly or through an intermediary.

(2) Provisions necessary for the department of health to be able to identify the adoption file of the adopted person to whom the form pertains;

(3) The following notices:

(a) If a social and medical history for the biological parent was not previously prepared or such a history was prepared but should be corrected or expanded, that the biological parent is encouraged to do the following as appropriate:

(i) Complete a social and medical history form in accordance with section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Correct or expand the biological parent's social and medical history in accordance with division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code.

(b) That a biological parent's preference regarding contact as indicated on a completed contact preference form is advisory only and therefore unenforceable;

(c) That the biological parent may change the parent's indicated preference regarding contact by filing a new contact preference form with the department of health.

(4) A space in which the biological parent indicates whether one or more of the following apply:

(a) The biological parent knows that a social and medical history was prepared for the biological parent pursuant to section 3107.09 of the Revised Code;

(b) The biological parent completed a social and medical history form in accordance with section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code;

(c) The biological parent corrected or expanded the biological parent's social and medical history in accordance with division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code.

(5) A notice of both of the following:

(a) That an adopted person may do either or both of the following:

(i) Inspect, pursuant to division (D) of section 3107.17 of the Revised Code, a social and medical history form of a biological parent of the adopted person maintained by the court that entered the interlocutory order or final decree of adoption regarding the adopted person;

(ii) Submit to that court, pursuant to division (E) of section 3107.17 of the Revised Code, a request for notification of a correction or expansion of a social and medical history of a biological parent of the adopted person.

(b) That an adopted person who does not know which court entered the interlocutory order or final decree of adoption regarding the adopted person may seek assistance from the department of health in accordance with section 3107.171 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall make the contact preference form prescribed under this section available to the department of health.

(C) The department of health shall make a contact preference form available to a biological parent on request. The department of health may accept a completed contact preference form from a biological parent only if the parent provides it two items of identification of the parent. If the department of health determines that it may accept a completed contact preference form, it shall accept the form. As soon as the department

identifies the adoption file of the adopted person to whom the form pertains, it shall place the form in that file. If there is a previously completed contact preference form from the biological parent in the adopted person's adoption file, the department of health shall replace the parent's older form with the parent's new form.

(D) Subject to division (C) of this section, a biological parent may file a completed contact preference form with the department of health to change the parent's indicated preference regarding contact as many times as the parent wishes.

Sec. 3109.172. (A) As used in this section, "county prevention specialist" includes the following:

(1) Members of agencies responsible for the administration of children's services in the counties within a child abuse and child neglect prevention region established in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code;

(2) Providers of alcohol or drug addiction services or members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serve counties within a region;

(3) Providers of mental health services or members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serve counties within a region;

(4) Members of county boards of developmental disabilities that serve counties within a region;

(5) Members of the educational community appointed by the superintendent of the school district with the largest enrollment in the counties within a region;

(6) Juvenile justice officials serving counties within a region;

(7) Pediatricians, health department nurses, and other members of the medical community in the counties within a region;

(8) Counselors and social workers serving counties within a region;

(9) Head start agencies serving counties within a region;

(10) Child care providers serving counties within a region;

(11) Other persons with demonstrated knowledge in programs for children serving counties within a region.

(B) Each child abuse and child neglect prevention region shall have a child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council as appointed under divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this section. Each council shall operate in accordance with rules adopted by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Each board of county commissioners within a region may appoint up to two county prevention specialists to the council representing

the county, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of ~~job~~ children and family services youth under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) The children's trust fund board may appoint additional county prevention specialists to each region's council at the board's discretion.

(3) A representative of the council's regional prevention coordinator shall serve as a nonvoting member of the council.

(D) Each council member appointed under division (C)(1) of this section shall be appointed for a two-year term. Each council member appointed under division (C)(2) or (3) of this section shall be appointed for a three-year term. A member may be reappointed, but for two consecutive terms only.

(E) A member may be removed from the council by the member's appointing authority for misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty.

(F) Each appointed member of a council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

(G) The representative of the regional prevention coordinator shall serve as chairperson of the council.

(H) Each council shall meet at least quarterly.

(I) Council members shall do all of the following:

(1) Attend meetings of the council on which they serve;

(2) Assist the regional prevention coordinator in conducting a needs assessment to ascertain the child abuse and child neglect prevention programming and services that are needed in their region;

(3) Collaborate on assembling the council's regional prevention plan based on children's trust fund board guidelines pursuant to section 3109.174 of the Revised Code;

(4) Assist the council's regional prevention coordinator with all of the following:

(a) Implementing the regional prevention plan, including monitoring fulfillment of child abuse and child neglect prevention deliverables and achievement of prevention outcomes;

(b) Coordinating county data collection;

(c) Ensuring timely and accurate reporting to the children's trust fund board.

(5) Any additional duties specified in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(J) No council member shall participate in matters of the council pertaining to their own interests, including applications for funding by a council member or any entity, public or private, of which a council member

serves as either a board member or employee.

(K) Each council shall file with the children's trust fund board, not later than the due dates specified by the board, a progress report and an annual report regarding the council's child abuse and child neglect prevention programs and activities undertaken in accordance with the council's regional prevention plan. The reports shall contain all information required by the board.

Sec. 3109.174. Each child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council shall submit to the children's trust fund board a regional prevention plan for funding child abuse and child neglect prevention programs and activities based on criteria set forth by the children's trust fund.

The plan shall be submitted on the form and in the manner specified in rules adopted by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3109.401. (A) The general assembly finds the following:

(1) That the parent and child relationship is of fundamental importance to the welfare of a child, and that the relationship between a child and each parent should be fostered unless inconsistent with the child's best interests;

(2) That parents have the responsibility to make decisions and perform other parenting functions necessary for the care and growth of their children;

(3) That the courts, when allocating parenting functions and responsibilities with respect to the child in a divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, or any other proceeding addressing the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, must determine the child's best interests;

(4) That the courts and parents must take into consideration the following general principles when allocating parental rights and responsibilities and developing appropriate terms for parenting plans:

(a) Children are served by a parenting arrangement that best provides for a child's safety, emotional growth, health, stability, and physical care.

(b) Exposure of the child to harmful parental conflict should be minimized as much as possible.

(c) Whenever appropriate, parents should be encouraged to meet their responsibilities to their children through agreements rather than by relying on judicial intervention.

(d) When a parenting plan provides for mutual decision-making responsibility by the parents but they are unable to make decisions mutually, they should make a good faith effort to utilize the mediation process as required by the parenting plan.

(e) In apportioning between the parents the daily physical living

arrangements of the child and the child's location during legal and school holidays, vacations, and days of special importance, a court should not impose any type of standard schedule unless a standard schedule meets the needs of the child better than any proposed alternative parenting plan.

(B) It is, therefore, the purpose of this chapter, when it is in the child's best interest, to foster the relationship between the child and each parent when a court allocates parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child in a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, annulment, or any other proceeding addressing the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities.

~~(C) There is hereby created the task force on family law and children consisting of twenty-four members. The Ohio state bar association shall appoint three members who shall be attorneys with extensive experience in the practice of family law. The Ohio association of domestic relations judges shall appoint three members who shall be domestic relations judges. The Ohio association of juvenile and family court judges shall appoint three members who shall be juvenile or family court judges. The chief justice of the supreme court shall appoint eight members, three of whom shall be persons who practice in the field of family law mediation, two of whom shall be persons who practice in the field of child psychology, one of whom shall be a person who represents parent and child advocacy organizations, one of whom shall be a person who provides parenting education services, and one of whom shall be a magistrate employed by a domestic relations or juvenile court. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two members who shall be members of the house of representatives and who shall be from different political parties. The president of the senate shall appoint two members who shall be members of the senate and who shall be from different political parties. The governor shall appoint two members who shall represent child caring agencies. One member shall be the director of job and family services or the director's designee. The chief justice shall designate one member of the task force to chair the task force.~~

~~The appointing authorities and persons shall make appointments to the task force on family law and children within thirty days after September 1, 1998. Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the task force.~~

~~(D) The task force on family law and children shall do all of the following:~~

~~(1) Appoint and fix the compensation of any technical, professional, and clerical employees and perform any services that are necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the task force on family law and children. All employees of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the task force.~~

~~(2) By July 1, 2001, submit to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives and to the president and the minority leader of the senate a report of its findings and recommendations on how to create a more civilized and constructive process for the parenting of children whose parents do not reside together. The recommendations shall propose a system to do all of the following:~~

- ~~(a) Put children first;~~
- ~~(b) Provide families with choices before they make a decision to obtain or finalize a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment;~~
- ~~(c) Redirect human services to intervention and prevention, rather than supporting the casualties of the current process;~~
- ~~(d) Avoid needless conflict between the participants;~~
- ~~(e) Encourage problem solving among the participants;~~
- ~~(f) Force the participants to act responsibly;~~
- ~~(g) Shield both the participants and their children from lasting emotional damage.~~

~~(3) Gather information on and study the current state of family law in this state;~~

~~(4) Collaborate and consult with entities engaged in family and children's issues including, but not limited to, the Ohio association of child rearing agencies, the Ohio family court feasibility study, and the Ohio courts futures commission;~~

~~(5) Utilize findings and outcomes from pilot projects conducted by the Ohio family court feasibility study to explore alternatives in creating a more civilized and constructive process for the parenting of children whose parents do not reside together with an emphasis on the areas of mediation and obtaining visitation compliance.~~

~~(E) Courts of common pleas shall cooperate with the task force on family law and children in the performance of the task force's duties described in division (D) of this section.~~

Sec. 3301.079. (A)(1) The state board of education periodically shall adopt statewide academic standards with emphasis on coherence, focus, and essential knowledge and that are more challenging and demanding when compared to international standards for each of grades kindergarten through twelve in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

(a) The state board shall ensure that the standards do all of the following:

(i) Include the essential academic content and skills that students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level that will allow each student to be prepared for postsecondary instruction and the workplace for

success in the twenty-first century;

(ii) Include the development of skill sets that promote information, media, and technological literacy;

(iii) Include interdisciplinary, project-based, real-world learning opportunities;

(iv) Instill life-long learning by providing essential knowledge and skills based in the liberal arts tradition, as well as science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and career-technical education;

(v) Be clearly written, transparent, and understandable by parents, educators, and the general public.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2012, the state board shall incorporate into the social studies standards for grades four to twelve academic content regarding the original texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance, the Constitution of the United States and its amendments, with emphasis on the Bill of Rights, and the Ohio Constitution, and their original context. The state board shall revise the model curricula and achievement assessments adopted under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as necessary to reflect the additional American history and American government content. The state board shall make available a list of suggested grade-appropriate supplemental readings that place the documents prescribed by this division in their historical context, which teachers may use as a resource to assist students in reading the documents within that context.

(c) When the state board adopts or revises academic content standards in social studies, American history, American government, or science under division (A)(1) of this section, the state board shall develop such standards independently and not as part of a multistate consortium.

(2) After completing the standards required by division (A)(1) of this section, the state board shall adopt standards and model curricula for instruction in technology, financial literacy and entrepreneurship, fine arts, and foreign language for grades kindergarten through twelve. The standards shall meet the same requirements prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(3) The state board shall adopt the most recent standards developed by the national association for sport and physical education for physical education in grades kindergarten through twelve or shall adopt its own standards for physical education in those grades and revise and update them periodically.

The department of education shall employ a full-time physical education coordinator to provide guidance and technical assistance to districts,

community schools, and STEM schools in implementing the physical education standards adopted under this division. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine that the person employed as coordinator is qualified for the position, as demonstrated by possessing an adequate combination of education, license, and experience.

(4) Not later than September 30, 2022, the state board shall update the standards and model curriculum for instruction in computer science in grades kindergarten through twelve, which shall include standards for introductory and advanced computer science courses in grades nine through twelve. When developing the standards and curriculum, the state board shall consider recommendations from computer science education stakeholder groups, including teachers and representatives from higher education, industry, computer science organizations in Ohio, and national computer science organizations.

Any district or school may utilize the computer science standards or model curriculum or any part thereof adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of this section. However, no district or school shall be required to utilize all or any part of the standards or curriculum.

(5) When academic standards have been completed for any subject area required by this section, the state board shall inform all school districts, all community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, all STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and all nonpublic schools required to administer the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code of the content of those standards. Additionally, upon completion of any academic standards under this section, the department shall post those standards on the department's web site.

(B)(1) The state board shall adopt a model curriculum for instruction in each subject area for which updated academic standards are required by division (A)(1) of this section and for each of grades kindergarten through twelve that is sufficient to meet the needs of students in every community. The model curriculum shall be aligned with the standards, to ensure that the academic content and skills specified for each grade level are taught to students, and shall demonstrate vertical articulation and emphasize coherence, focus, and rigor. When any model curriculum has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts, community schools, and STEM schools of the content of that model curriculum.

(2) Not later than June 30, 2013, the state board, in consultation with any office housed in the governor's office that deals with workforce development, shall adopt model curricula for grades kindergarten through

twelve that embed career connection learning strategies into regular classroom instruction.

(3) All school districts, community schools, and STEM schools may utilize the state standards and the model curriculum established by the state board, together with other relevant resources, examples, or models to ensure that students have the opportunity to attain the academic standards. Upon request, the department shall provide technical assistance to any district, community school, or STEM school in implementing the model curriculum.

Nothing in this section requires any school district to utilize all or any part of a model curriculum developed under this section.

(C) The state board shall develop achievement assessments aligned with the academic standards and model curriculum for each of the subject areas and grade levels required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

When any achievement assessment has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and nonpublic schools required to administer the assessment of its completion, and the department shall make the achievement assessment available to the districts and schools.

(D)(1) The state board shall adopt a diagnostic assessment aligned with the academic standards and model curriculum for ~~each of~~ grades ~~kindergarten through one and two~~ in reading, writing, and mathematics and for grade three in reading and writing. The diagnostic assessment shall be designed to measure student comprehension of academic content and mastery of related skills for the relevant subject area and grade level. Any diagnostic assessment shall not include components to identify gifted students. Blank copies of diagnostic assessments shall be public records.

(2) When each diagnostic assessment has been completed, the state board shall inform all school districts of its completion and the department shall make the diagnostic assessment available to the districts at no cost to the district.

(3) School districts shall administer the diagnostic assessment pursuant to section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code beginning the first school year following the development of the assessment.

However, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, both of the following shall apply:

(a) In the case of the diagnostic assessments for grades one or two in writing or mathematics or for grade three in writing, a school district shall not be required to administer any such assessment, but may do so at the discretion of the district board;

(b) In the case of any diagnostic assessment that is not for the grade levels and subject areas specified in division (D)(3)(a) of this section, each school district shall administer the assessment in the manner prescribed by section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board shall not adopt a diagnostic or achievement assessment for any grade level or subject area other than those specified in this section.

(F) Whenever the state board or the department consults with persons for the purpose of drafting or reviewing any standards, diagnostic assessments, achievement assessments, or model curriculum required under this section, the state board or the department shall first consult with parents of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade and with active Ohio classroom teachers, other school personnel, and administrators with expertise in the appropriate subject area. Whenever practicable, the state board and department shall consult with teachers recognized as outstanding in their fields.

If the department contracts with more than one outside entity for the development of the achievement assessments required by this section, the department shall ensure the interchangeability of those assessments.

(G) Whenever the state board adopts standards or model curricula under this section, the department also shall provide information on the use of blended, online, or digital learning in the delivery of the standards or curricula to students in accordance with division (A)(5) of this section.

(H) The fairness sensitivity review committee, established by rule of the state board of education, shall not allow any question on any achievement or diagnostic assessment developed under this section or any proficiency test prescribed by former section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, to include, be written to promote, or inquire as to individual moral or social values or beliefs. The decision of the committee shall be final. This section does not create a private cause of action.

(I) Not later than sixty days prior to the adoption by the state board of updated academic standards under division (A)(1) of this section or updated model curricula under division (B)(1) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall present the academic standards or model curricula, as applicable, in person at a public hearing of the respective committees of the house of representatives and senate that consider education legislation.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "Blended learning" means the delivery of instruction in a combination of time primarily in a supervised physical location away from

home and online delivery whereby the student has some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning and includes noncomputer-based learning opportunities.

(2) "Online learning" means students work primarily from their residences on assignments delivered via an internet- or other computer-based instructional method.

(3) "Coherence" means a reflection of the structure of the discipline being taught.

(4) "Digital learning" means learning facilitated by technology that gives students some element of control over time, place, path, or pace of learning.

(5) "Focus" means limiting the number of items included in a curriculum to allow for deeper exploration of the subject matter.

(6) "Vertical articulation" means key academic concepts and skills associated with mastery in particular content areas should be articulated and reinforced in a developmentally appropriate manner at each grade level so that over time students acquire a depth of knowledge and understanding in the core academic disciplines.

Sec. 3301.0714. (A) The state board of education shall adopt rules for a statewide education management information system. The rules shall require the state board to establish guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of the system in accordance with this section and the rules adopted under this section. The guidelines shall include:

(1) Standards identifying and defining the types of data in the system in accordance with divisions (B) and (C) of this section;

(2) Procedures for annually collecting and reporting the data to the state board in accordance with division (D) of this section;

(3) Procedures for annually compiling the data in accordance with division (G) of this section;

(4) Procedures for annually reporting the data to the public in accordance with division (H) of this section;

(5) Standards to provide strict safeguards to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable student data.

(B) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the data maintained in the education management information system to include at least the following:

(1) Student participation and performance data, for each grade in each school district as a whole and for each grade in each school building in each school district, that includes:

(a) The numbers of students receiving each category of instructional

service offered by the school district, such as regular education instruction, vocational education instruction, specialized instruction programs or enrichment instruction that is part of the educational curriculum, instruction for gifted students, instruction for students with disabilities, and remedial instruction. The guidelines shall require instructional services under this division to be divided into discrete categories if an instructional service is limited to a specific subject, a specific type of student, or both, such as regular instructional services in mathematics, remedial reading instructional services, instructional services specifically for students gifted in mathematics or some other subject area, or instructional services for students with a specific type of disability. The categories of instructional services required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of instructional services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section.

(b) The numbers of students receiving support or extracurricular services for each of the support services or extracurricular programs offered by the school district, such as counseling services, health services, and extracurricular sports and fine arts programs. The categories of services required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(4)(a) of this section.

(c) Average student grades in each subject in grades nine through twelve;

(d) Academic achievement levels as assessed under sections 3301.0710, 3301.0711, and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of students designated as having a disabling condition pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(f) The numbers of students reported to the state board pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(g) Attendance rates and the average daily attendance for the year. For purposes of this division, a student shall be counted as present for any field trip that is approved by the school administration.

(h) Expulsion rates;

(i) Suspension rates;

(j) Dropout rates;

(k) Rates of retention in grade;

(l) For pupils in grades nine through twelve, the average number of carnegie units, as calculated in accordance with state board of education rules;

(m) Graduation rates, to be calculated in a manner specified by the

department of education that reflects the rate at which students who were in the ninth grade three years prior to the current year complete school and that is consistent with nationally accepted reporting requirements;

(n) Results of diagnostic assessments administered to kindergarten students as required under section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code to permit a comparison of the academic readiness of kindergarten students. However, no district shall be required to report to the department the results of any diagnostic assessment administered to a kindergarten student, except for the language and reading assessment described in division (A)(2) of section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code, if the parent of that student requests the district not to report those results.

(o) Beginning on July 1, 2018, for each disciplinary action which is required to be reported under division (B)(4) of this section, districts and schools also shall include an identification of the person or persons, if any, at whom the student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed. The person or persons shall be identified by the respective classification at the district or school, such as student, teacher, or nonteaching employee, but shall not be identified by name.

Division (B)(1)(o) of this section does not apply after the date that is two years following the submission of the report required by Section 733.13 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd general assembly.

(p) The number of students earning each state diploma seal included in the system prescribed under division (A) of section 3313.6114 of the Revised Code;

(q) The number of students demonstrating competency for graduation using each option described in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (d) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code;

(r) The number of students completing each foundational and supporting option as part of the demonstration of competency for graduation pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code;

(s) The number of students enrolled in all-day kindergarten, as defined in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) Personnel and classroom enrollment data for each school district, including:

(a) The total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category of instructional service, instructional support service, and administrative support service used pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole

and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(b) The total number of employees and the number of full-time equivalent employees providing each category of service used pursuant to divisions (C)(4)(a) and (b) of this section, and the total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category used pursuant to division (C)(4)(c) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(c) The total number of regular classroom teachers teaching classes of regular education and the average number of pupils enrolled in each such class, in each of grades kindergarten through five in the district as a whole and in each school building in the school district.

(d) The number of lead teachers employed by each school district and each school building.

(3)(a) Student demographic data for each school district, including information regarding the gender ratio of the school district's pupils, the racial make-up of the school district's pupils, the number of English learners in the district, and an appropriate measure of the number of the school district's pupils who reside in economically disadvantaged households. The demographic data shall be collected in a manner to allow correlation with data collected under division (B)(1) of this section. Categories for data collected pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section shall conform, where appropriate, to standard practices of agencies of the federal government.

(b) With respect to each student entering kindergarten, whether the student previously participated in a public preschool program, a private preschool program, or a head start program, and the number of years the student participated in each of these programs.

(4) Any data required to be collected pursuant to federal law.

(C) The education management information system shall include cost accounting data for each district as a whole and for each school building in each school district. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the cost data for each school district to be maintained in a system of mutually exclusive cost units and shall require all of the costs of each school district to be divided among the cost units. The guidelines shall require the system of mutually exclusive cost units to include at least the following:

(1) Administrative costs for the school district as a whole. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(1) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil in enrolled ADM in the school district, as determined pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administrative costs for each school building in the school district. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(2) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per full-time equivalent pupil receiving instructional or support services in each building.

(3) Instructional services costs for each category of instructional service provided directly to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(3) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each instructional services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(a) of this section that is provided directly to students by a classroom teacher;

(b) The cost of the instructional support services, such as services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to students in conjunction with each instructional services category;

(c) The cost of the administrative support services related to each instructional services category, such as the cost of personnel that develop the curriculum for the instructional services category and the cost of personnel supervising or coordinating the delivery of the instructional services category.

(4) Support or extracurricular services costs for each category of service directly provided to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(4) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each support or extracurricular services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(b) of this section that is provided directly to students by a licensed employee, such as services provided by a guidance counselor or any services provided by a licensed employee under a supplemental contract;

(b) The cost of each such services category provided directly to students by a nonlicensed employee, such as janitorial services, cafeteria services, or services of a sports trainer;

(c) The cost of the administrative services related to each services category in division (C)(4)(a) or (b) of this section, such as the cost of any licensed or nonlicensed employees that develop, supervise, coordinate, or otherwise are involved in administering or aiding the delivery of each services category.

(D)(1) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require school districts to collect information about individual students, staff members, or both in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines may also require school districts to report information about individual staff members in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines shall not authorize school districts to request social security numbers of individual students. The guidelines shall prohibit the reporting under this section of a student's name, address, and social security number to the state board of education or the department of education. The guidelines shall also prohibit the reporting under this section of any personally identifiable information about any student, except for the purpose of assigning the data verification code required by division (D)(2) of this section, to any other person unless such person is employed by the school district or the information technology center operated under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code and is authorized by the district or technology center to have access to such information or is employed by an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring or the development of state assessments. The guidelines may require school districts to provide the social security numbers of individual staff members and the county of residence for a student. Nothing in this section prohibits the state board of education or department of education from providing a student's county of residence to the department of taxation to facilitate the distribution of tax revenue.

(2)(a) The guidelines shall provide for each school district or community school to assign a data verification code that is unique on a

statewide basis over time to each student whose initial Ohio enrollment is in that district or school and to report all required individual student data for that student utilizing such code. The guidelines shall also provide for assigning data verification codes to all students enrolled in districts or community schools on the effective date of the guidelines established under this section. The assignment of data verification codes for other entities, as described in division (D)(2)(d) of this section, the use of those codes, and the reporting and use of associated individual student data shall be coordinated by the department in accordance with state and federal law.

School districts shall report individual student data to the department through the information technology centers utilizing the code. The entities described in division (D)(2)(d) of this section shall report individual student data to the department in the manner prescribed by the department.

(b)(i) Except as provided in sections 3301.941, 3310.11, 3310.42, 3310.63, 3313.978, 3317.20, and 5747.057 of the Revised Code, and in division (D)(2)(b)(ii) of this section, at no time shall the state board or the department have access to information that would enable any data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data.

(ii) For the purpose of making per-pupil payments to community schools under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, the department shall have access to information that would enable any data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data.

(c) Each school district and community school shall ensure that the data verification code is included in the student's records reported to any subsequent school district, community school, or state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, in which the student enrolls. Any such subsequent district or school shall utilize the same identifier in its reporting of data under this section.

(d) The director of any state agency that administers a publicly funded program providing services to children who are younger than compulsory school age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, including the directors of health, job and family services, mental health and addiction services, children and youth, and developmental disabilities, shall request and receive, pursuant to sections 3301.0723 and ~~5123.0423~~ 5180.33 of the Revised Code, a data verification code for a child who is receiving those services.

(E) The guidelines adopted under this section may require school districts to collect and report data, information, or reports other than that described in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section for the purpose of complying with other reporting requirements established in the Revised

Code. The other data, information, or reports may be maintained in the education management information system but are not required to be compiled as part of the profile formats required under division (G) of this section or the annual statewide report required under division (H) of this section.

(F) Beginning with the school year that begins July 1, 1991, the board of education of each school district shall annually collect and report to the state board, in accordance with the guidelines established by the board, the data required pursuant to this section. A school district may collect and report these data notwithstanding section 2151.357 or 3319.321 of the Revised Code.

(G) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually compile the data reported by each school district pursuant to division (D) of this section. The state board shall design formats for profiling each school district as a whole and each school building within each district and shall compile the data in accordance with these formats. These profile formats shall:

(1) Include all of the data gathered under this section in a manner that facilitates comparison among school districts and among school buildings within each school district;

(2) Present the data on academic achievement levels as assessed by the testing of student achievement maintained pursuant to division (B)(1)(d) of this section.

(H)(1) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare a statewide report for all school districts and the general public that includes the profile of each of the school districts developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to each school district.

(2) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare an individual report for each school district and the general public that includes the profiles of each of the school buildings in that school district developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to the superintendent of the district and to each member of the district board of education.

(3) Copies of the reports received from the state board under divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section shall be made available to the general public at each school district's offices. Each district board of education shall make copies of each report available to any person upon request and payment of a reasonable fee for the cost of reproducing the report. The board shall annually publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district,

at least twice during the two weeks prior to the week in which the reports will first be available, a notice containing the address where the reports are available and the date on which the reports will be available.

(I) Any data that is collected or maintained pursuant to this section and that identifies an individual pupil is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "School district" means any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district and, in accordance with section 3314.17 of the Revised Code, any community school. As used in division (L) of this section, "school district" also includes any educational service center or other educational entity required to submit data using the system established under this section.

(2) "Cost" means any expenditure for operating expenses made by a school district excluding any expenditures for debt retirement except for payments made to any commercial lending institution for any loan approved pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code.

(K) Any person who removes data from the information system established under this section for the purpose of releasing it to any person not entitled under law to have access to such information is subject to section 2913.42 of the Revised Code prohibiting tampering with data.

(L)(1) In accordance with division (L)(2) of this section and the rules adopted under division (L)(10) of this section, the department of education may sanction any school district that reports incomplete or inaccurate data, reports data that does not conform to data requirements and descriptions published by the department, fails to report data in a timely manner, or otherwise does not make a good faith effort to report data as required by this section.

(2) If the department decides to sanction a school district under this division, the department shall take the following sequential actions:

(a) Notify the district in writing that the department has determined that data has not been reported as required under this section and require the district to review its data submission and submit corrected data by a deadline established by the department. The department also may require the district to develop a corrective action plan, which shall include provisions for the district to provide mandatory staff training on data reporting procedures.

(b) Withhold up to ten per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year and, if not previously required under division (L)(2)(a) of this section, require the district to develop a corrective

action plan in accordance with that division;

(c) Withhold an additional amount of up to twenty per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year;

(d) Direct department staff or an outside entity to investigate the district's data reporting practices and make recommendations for subsequent actions. The recommendations may include one or more of the following actions:

(i) Arrange for an audit of the district's data reporting practices by department staff or an outside entity;

(ii) Conduct a site visit and evaluation of the district;

(iii) Withhold an additional amount of up to thirty per cent of the total amount of state funds due to the district for the current fiscal year;

(iv) Continue monitoring the district's data reporting;

(v) Assign department staff to supervise the district's data management system;

(vi) Conduct an investigation to determine whether to suspend or revoke the license of any district employee in accordance with division (N) of this section;

(vii) If the district is issued a report card under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, indicate on the report card that the district has been sanctioned for failing to report data as required by this section;

(viii) If the district is issued a report card under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and incomplete or inaccurate data submitted by the district likely caused the district to receive a higher performance rating than it deserved under that section, issue a revised report card for the district;

(ix) Any other action designed to correct the district's data reporting problems.

(3) Any time the department takes an action against a school district under division (L)(2) of this section, the department shall make a report of the circumstances that prompted the action. The department shall send a copy of the report to the district superintendent or chief administrator and maintain a copy of the report in its files.

(4) If any action taken under division (L)(2) of this section resolves a school district's data reporting problems to the department's satisfaction, the department shall not take any further actions described by that division. If the department withheld funds from the district under that division, the department may release those funds to the district, except that if the department withheld funding under division (L)(2)(c) of this section, the department shall not release the funds withheld under division (L)(2)(b) of this section and, if the department withheld funding under division (L)(2)(d)

of this section, the department shall not release the funds withheld under division (L)(2)(b) or (c) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, the department may use its own staff or an outside entity to conduct an audit of a school district's data reporting practices any time the department has reason to believe the district has not made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section. If any audit conducted by an outside entity under division (L)(2)(d)(i) or (5) of this section confirms that a district has not made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section, the district shall reimburse the department for the full cost of the audit. The department may withhold state funds due to the district for this purpose.

(6) Prior to issuing a revised report card for a school district under division (L)(2)(d)(viii) of this section, the department may hold a hearing to provide the district with an opportunity to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section. The hearing shall be conducted by a referee appointed by the department. Based on the information provided in the hearing, the referee shall recommend whether the department should issue a revised report card for the district. If the referee affirms the department's contention that the district did not make a good faith effort to report data as required by this section, the district shall bear the full cost of conducting the hearing and of issuing any revised report card.

(7) If the department determines that any inaccurate data reported under this section caused a school district to receive excess state funds in any fiscal year, the district shall reimburse the department an amount equal to the excess funds, in accordance with a payment schedule determined by the department. The department may withhold state funds due to the district for this purpose.

(8) Any school district that has funds withheld under division (L)(2) of this section may appeal the withholding in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(9) In all cases of a disagreement between the department and a school district regarding the appropriateness of an action taken under division (L)(2) of this section, the burden of proof shall be on the district to demonstrate that it made a good faith effort to report data as required by this section.

(10) The state board of education shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement division (L) of this section.

(M) No information technology center or school district shall acquire, change, or update its student administration software package to manage and

report data required to be reported to the department unless it converts to a student software package that is certified by the department.

(N) The state board of education, in accordance with sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke a license as defined under division (A) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code that has been issued to any school district employee found to have willfully reported erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data to the education management information system.

(O) No person shall release or maintain any information about any student in violation of this section. Whoever violates this division is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(P) The department shall disaggregate the data collected under division (B)(1)(n) of this section according to the race and socioeconomic status of the students assessed.

(Q) If the department cannot compile any of the information required by division (I) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code based upon the data collected under this section, the department shall develop a plan and a reasonable timeline for the collection of any data necessary to comply with that division.

Sec. 3301.0715. (A) Except as required under division (B)(1) of section 3313.608 or as specified in division (D)(3) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall administer each applicable diagnostic assessment developed and provided to the district in accordance with section 3301.079 of the Revised Code to the following:

(1) Any student who transfers into the district or to a different school within the district if each applicable diagnostic assessment was not administered by the district or school the student previously attended in the current school year, within thirty days after the date of transfer. If the district or school into which the student transfers cannot determine whether the student has taken any applicable diagnostic assessment in the current school year, the district or school may administer the diagnostic assessment to the student. However, if a student transfers into the district prior to the administration of the diagnostic assessments to all students under division (B) of this section, the district may administer the diagnostic assessments to that student on the date or dates determined under that division.

(2) Each kindergarten student, not earlier than the first day of July of the school year and not later than the twentieth day of instruction of that school year.

For the purpose of division (A)(2) of this section, the district shall

administer the kindergarten readiness assessment provided by the department of ~~education~~ children and youth. In no case shall the results of the readiness assessment be used to prohibit a student from enrolling in kindergarten.

(3) Each student enrolled in first, second, or third grade.

Division (A) of this section does not apply to students with significant cognitive disabilities, as defined by the department of education.

(B) Each district board shall administer each diagnostic assessment when the board deems appropriate, provided the administration complies with section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. However, the board shall administer any diagnostic assessment at least once annually to all students in the appropriate grade level. A district board may administer any diagnostic assessment in the fall and spring of a school year to measure the amount of academic growth attributable to the instruction received by students during that school year.

(C) A district may use different diagnostic assessments from those adopted under division (D) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code in order to satisfy the requirements of division (A)(3) of this section if the district meets either of the following conditions for the immediately preceding school year:

(1) The district received a grade of "A" or "B" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of that section.

(2) The district received a performance rating of four stars or higher for achievement under division (D)(3)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or for progress under division (D)(3)(c) of that section.

(D) Each district board shall utilize and score any diagnostic assessment administered under division (A) of this section in accordance with rules established by the department of education or the department of children and youth. After the administration of any diagnostic assessment, each district shall provide a student's completed diagnostic assessment, the results of such assessment, and any other accompanying documents used during the administration of the assessment to the parent of that student, and shall include all such documents and information in any plan developed for the student under division (C) of section 3313.608 of the Revised Code. Each district shall submit ~~to the department~~, in the manner ~~the~~ prescribed by each department prescribes, the results of the diagnostic assessments administered under this section, regardless of the type of assessment used under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code as follows:

(1) The results of the kindergarten readiness assessment to the department of children and youth;

(2) The results of all diagnostic assessments to the department of education. The

The department of education and the department of children and youth may issue reports with respect to the data collected. ~~The~~ Either department may report school and district level kindergarten diagnostic assessment data and use diagnostic assessment data to calculate the measures prescribed by divisions (B)(1)(g), (C)(1)(g), and (D)(1)(h) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and the data reported under division (D)(2)(e) of that section.

(E) Each district board shall provide intervention services to students whose diagnostic assessments show that they are failing to make satisfactory progress toward attaining the academic standards for their grade level.

(F) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, any chartered nonpublic school may elect to administer the kindergarten readiness assessment to all kindergarten students enrolled in the school. If the school so elects, the chief administrator of the school shall notify the ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ director of children and youth not later than the thirty-first day of March prior to any school year in which the school will administer the assessment. The department of children and youth shall furnish the assessment to the school at no cost to the school. In administering the assessment, the school shall do all of the following:

(1) Enter into a written agreement with the department of children and youth specifying that the school will share each participating student's assessment data with the department of education and the department of children and youth and, that for the purpose of reporting the data to the department of education and department of children and youth, each participating student will be assigned a data verification code as described in division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code;

(2) Require the assessment to be administered by a teacher certified under section 3301.071 of the Revised Code who either has completed training on administering the kindergarten readiness assessment provided by the department of children and youth or has been trained by another person who has completed such training;

(3) Administer the assessment in the same manner as school districts are required to do under this section and the rules established under division (D) of this section.

(G) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, a school district in which less than eighty per cent of its students score at the proficient level or higher on the third-grade English language arts assessment prescribed under section

3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall establish a reading improvement plan supported by reading specialists. Prior to implementation, the plan shall be approved by the school district board of education.

Sec. 3301.0723. (A) The independent contractor engaged by the department of education to create and maintain for school districts and community schools the student data verification codes required by division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code, upon request of the director of any state agency that administers a publicly funded program providing services to children who are younger than compulsory school age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, including the directors of health, ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, mental health and addiction services, and developmental disabilities, shall assign a data verification code to a child who is receiving such services and shall provide that code to the director. The contractor also shall provide that code to the department of education.

(B) The director of a state agency that receives a child's data verification code under division (A) of this section shall use that code to submit information for that child to the department of education in accordance with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code.

(C) A public school that receives from the independent contractor the data verification code for a child assigned under division (A) of this section shall not request or assign to that child another data verification code under division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. That school and any other public school in which the child subsequently enrolls shall use the data verification code assigned under division (A) of this section to report data relative to that student required under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.15. The state board of education or its authorized representatives may inspect all institutions under the control of the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, and the department of rehabilitation and correction which employ teachers, and may make a report on the teaching, discipline, and school equipment in these institutions to the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, the director of mental health and addiction services, the director of developmental disabilities, the director of rehabilitation and correction, and the governor.

Sec. 3301.30. The department of education and the department of children and youth shall:

(A) Actively encourage, assist, and support boards of education in

applying for moneys for programs for pre-school children of migrant agricultural laborers under Title I of the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 27, 20 U.S.C.A. 236, as amended;

(B) Establish an official relationship with the Texas education agency and the Florida department of education to cooperate and exchange information with those states concerning education for children of migrant ~~agricultural~~ agricultural laborers, and coordinate ~~its~~ activities and services for such children with those states and any other states that provide education for such children;

(C) Take all necessary steps to compensate for the lack of continuity in instructional curriculum experienced by children of migrant agricultural laborers as a result of their parents' occupation by assuring that:

(1) Coordinated interstate and intrastate programs are provided at all levels, including coordinated programs leading to credit accrual;

(2) Parents are given information about the availability of interstate and intrastate programs.

(D) Take a more active role in encouraging boards of education to offer, in accordance with section 3313.641 of the Revised Code, alternative evening and tutorial programs for children of migrant agricultural laborers and their families during late spring, summer, and early fall.

Sec. 3301.311. (A) As used in this section, "preschool program" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) Subject to divisions (C) and (D) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2006, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department of education shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by that program as teachers are working toward an associate degree of a type approved by the department.~~

~~(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2010, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, existing prior to fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless every staff member employed by that program as a teacher has attained an associate degree of a type approved by the department.~~

~~(2) Beginning in fiscal year 2011, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, existing prior to fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by the program as teachers have attained a bachelor's degree of a type approved by the department.~~

~~(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2012, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, established during or after fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless every staff member employed by that program as a teacher has attained an associate degree of a type approved by the department.~~

~~(2) Beginning in fiscal year 2013, no~~ No preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, established during or after fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by the program as teachers have attained a bachelor's degree of a type approved by the department in section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.32. (A)(1) The chief administrator of any head start agency shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the head start agency for employment as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child. If the applicant does not present proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or does not provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant. If the applicant presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the chief administrator requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) Any applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this

section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheets with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the head start agency shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (A)(1) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth in accordance with division (E) of this section, no head start agency shall employ a person as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation occurred prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) A head start agency may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the agency receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the agency shall release the applicant from employment.

(C)(1) Each head start agency shall pay to the bureau of criminal

identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the chief administrator of the head start agency.

(2) A head start agency may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the agency pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the agency shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the head start agency will not consider the applicant for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative, the head start agency requesting the criminal records check or its representative, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The director of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which a head start agency may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, that the person is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment in a position with a head start agency as a

person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child.

(2) "Head start agency" means an entity in this state that has been approved to be an agency for purposes of the "Head Start Act," 95 State 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C. 9831, as amended.

(3) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.50. Except as otherwise provided under division (B) of section 3301.54 of the Revised Code, the issuing of any educator license designated for teaching in a preschool setting pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code shall not be construed as requiring any person who does not hold such a license to obtain one in order to be employed as a teacher in a pre-kindergarten program. However, a person hired after July 1, 1988, to direct a preschool program regulated by the ~~state board~~ department of education children and youth under sections 3301.52 to 3301.57 of the Revised Code, other than a program operated by a nontax-supported eligible nonpublic school, shall hold a valid educator license designated as appropriate for teaching or being an administrator in a preschool setting issued pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code plus the four courses required by division (A)(1) of section 3301.54 of the Revised Code, unless division (A)(4) of that section applies to the person.

Sec. 3301.53. (A) The state board of education, ~~in consultation with the director of job and the department of children and family services, youth~~ shall consult with each other to formulate and prescribe jointly by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code minimum standards to be applied to preschool programs operated by school district boards of education, county boards of developmental disabilities, community schools, or eligible nonpublic schools. The rules shall include the following:

(1) Standards ensuring that the preschool program is located in a safe and convenient facility that accommodates the enrollment of the program, is of the quality to support the growth and development of the children according to the program objectives, and meets the requirements of section 3301.55 of the Revised Code;

(2) Standards ensuring that supervision, discipline, and programs will be administered according to established objectives and procedures;

(3) Standards ensuring that preschool staff members and nonteaching employees are recruited, employed, assigned, evaluated, and provided inservice education without discrimination on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, or sex; and that preschool staff members and

nonteaching employees are assigned responsibilities in accordance with written position descriptions commensurate with their training and experience;

(4) A requirement that boards of education intending to establish a preschool program demonstrate a need for a preschool program prior to establishing the program;

(5) Requirements that children participating in preschool programs have been immunized to the extent considered appropriate by the state board to prevent the spread of communicable disease;

(6) Requirements that the parents of preschool children complete the emergency medical authorization form specified in section 3313.712 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~The state board of education in consultation with the director of job and family services and the department~~ shall ensure that the rules adopted ~~by the state board~~ under sections 3301.52 to 3301.58 of the Revised Code are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code with regard to child day-care centers that serve preschool children. The state board ~~and the director of job and family services and the department~~ shall review all such rules at least once every five years.

(C) ~~The state board of education, in consultation with the director of job and family services, and the department~~ shall adopt rules for school child programs that are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of the rules adopted for child day-care centers that serve school-age children under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.55. (A) A school district, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school operating a preschool program shall house the program in buildings that meet the following requirements:

(1) The building is operated by the district, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school and has been approved by the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce or a certified municipal, township, or county building department for the purpose of operating a program for preschool children. Any such structure shall be constructed, equipped, repaired, altered, and maintained in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapters 3781. and 3791. and with rules adopted by the board of building standards under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code for the safety and sanitation of structures erected for this purpose.

(2) The building is in compliance with fire and safety laws and regulations as evidenced by reports of annual school fire and safety

inspections as conducted by appropriate local authorities.

(3) The school is in compliance with rules established by the state board of education regarding school food services.

(4) The facility includes not less than thirty-five square feet of indoor space for each child in the program. Safe play space, including both indoor and outdoor play space, totaling not less than sixty square feet for each child using the space at any one time, shall be regularly available and scheduled for use.

(5) First aid facilities and space for temporary placement or isolation of injured or ill children are provided.

(B) Each school district, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school that operates, or proposes to operate, a preschool program shall submit a building plan including all information specified by the ~~state board of education to the board~~ department of children and youth not later than the first day of September of the school year in which the program is to be initiated. The ~~board~~ department of children and youth, shall determine whether the buildings meet the requirements of this section and section 3301.53 of the Revised Code, and notify the superintendent of its determination. If the board determines, on the basis of the building plan or any other information, that the buildings do not meet those requirements, it shall cause the buildings to be inspected by the department of ~~education~~ children and youth. The department shall make a report to the superintendent specifying any aspects of the building that are not in compliance with the requirements of this section and section 3301.53 of the Revised Code and the time period that will be allowed the district, county board of developmental disabilities, or school to meet the requirements.

Sec. 3301.56. (A) The director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator who is on site and responsible for supervision of each preschool program shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Ensuring that the health and safety of the children are safeguarded by an organized program of school health services designed to identify child health problems and to coordinate school and community health resources for children, as evidenced by but not limited to:

(a) Requiring immunization and compliance with emergency medical authorization requirements in accordance with rules adopted ~~by the state board of education~~ under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code;

(b) Providing procedures for emergency situations, including fire drills, rapid dismissals, tornado drills, and school safety drills in accordance with section 3737.73 of the Revised Code, and keeping records of such drills or

dismissals;

(c) Posting emergency procedures in preschool rooms and making them available to school personnel, children, and parents;

(d) Posting emergency numbers by each telephone;

(e) Supervising grounds, play areas, and other facilities when scheduled for use by children;

(f) Providing first-aid facilities and materials.

(2) Maintaining cumulative records for each child;

(3) Supervising each child's admission, placement, and withdrawal according to established procedures;

(4) Preparing at least once annually for each group of children in the program a roster of names and telephone numbers of parents, guardians, and custodians of children in the group and, on request, furnishing the roster for each group to the parents, guardians, and custodians of children in that group. The director may prepare a similar roster of all children in the program and, on request, make it available to the parents, guardians, and custodians, of children in the program. The director shall not include in either roster the name or telephone number of any parent, guardian, or custodian who requests that the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's name or number not be included, and shall not furnish any roster to any person other than a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child in the program.

(5) Ensuring that clerical and custodial services are provided for the program;

(6) Supervising the instructional program and the daily operation of the program;

(7) Supervising and evaluating preschool staff members according to a planned sequence of observations and evaluation conferences, and supervising nonteaching employees.

(B)(1) In each program the maximum number of children per preschool staff member and the maximum group size by age category of children shall be as follows:

Age Group	Maximum	
	Group Size	Staff Member/Child Ratio
Birth to less than 12 months	12	1:5, or 2:12 if two preschool staff members are in the room
12 months to less than 18 months	12	1:6
18 months to less than 30 months	14	1:7

30 months to less than 3 years	16	1:8
3-year-olds	24	1:12
4- and 5-year-olds not in school	28	1:14

(2) When age groups are combined, the maximum number of children per preschool staff member shall be determined by the age of the youngest child in the group, except that when no more than one child thirty months of age or older receives child care in a group in which all the other children are in the next older age group, the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of the older age group established under division (B)(1) of this section shall apply.

(3) In a room where children are napping, if all the children are at least eighteen months of age, the maximum number of children per preschool staff member shall, for a period not to exceed one and one-half hours in any twenty-four hour day, be twice the maximum number of children per preschool staff member established under division (B)(1) of this section if all the following criteria are met:

- (a) At least one preschool staff member is present in the room;
- (b) Sufficient preschool staff members are present on the preschool program premises to comply with division (B)(1) of this section;
- (c) Naptime preparations have been completed and the children are resting or napping.

(4) Any accredited program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society or the association Montessori internationale as its primary method of instruction and is licensed as a preschool program under section 3301.58 of the Revised Code may combine preschool children of ages three to five years old with children enrolled in kindergarten. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in division (B)(2) of this section, when such age groups are combined, the maximum number of children per preschool staff member shall be twelve and the maximum group size shall be twenty-four children.

(C) In each building in which a preschool program is operated there shall be on the premises, and readily available at all times, at least one employee who has completed a course in first aid and in the prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases which is approved by the state department of health, and an employee who has completed a course in child abuse recognition and prevention.

(D) Any parent, guardian, or custodian of a child enrolled in a preschool program shall be permitted unlimited access to the school during its hours of operation to contact the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's child, evaluate the care provided by the program, or evaluate the premises, or for other

purposes approved by the director. Upon entering the premises, the parent, guardian, or custodian shall report to the school office.

Sec. 3301.57. (A) For the purpose of improving programs, facilities, and implementation of the standards promulgated by the ~~state board~~ department of education children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code, the ~~state~~ department of education and the department of children and youth shall provide consultation and technical assistance to school districts, county boards of developmental disabilities, community schools, and eligible nonpublic schools operating preschool programs or school child programs, and inservice training to preschool staff members, school child program staff members, and nonteaching employees.

(B) The department of education, the department of children and youth, and the school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school shall jointly monitor each preschool program and each school child program.

If the program receives any grant or other funding from the state or federal government, the department of education and the department of children and youth annually shall monitor all reports on attendance, financial support, and expenditures according to provisions for use of the funds.

(C) The department of education and the department of children and youth, at least once during every twelve-month period of operation of a preschool program or a licensed school child program, shall inspect the program and provide a written inspection report to the superintendent of the school district, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school. The ~~department~~ departments may inspect any program more than once, as considered necessary by the ~~department~~ departments, during any twelve-month period of operation. All inspections may be unannounced. No person shall interfere with any inspection conducted pursuant to this division or to the rules adopted pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of any complaint that a preschool program or a licensed school child program is out of compliance with the requirements in sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections, the department of children and youth shall investigate and may inspect the program. If the complaint is related to a teacher, the department shall coordinate with the department of education to investigate and take action on a teacher's license.

(D) If a preschool program or a licensed school child program is determined to be out of compliance with the requirements of sections

3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections, the department of ~~education~~ children and youth shall notify the appropriate superintendent, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school in writing regarding the nature of the violation, what must be done to correct the violation, and by what date the correction must be made. If the correction is not made by the date established by the department, it may commence action under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to close the program or to revoke the license of the program. If a program does not comply with an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the department shall notify the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the program is located, or the city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the program is located that the program is operating in violation of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections and in violation of an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the notification, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer shall file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county in which the program is located requesting the court to issue an order enjoining the program from operating. The court shall grant the requested injunctive relief upon a showing that the program named in the complaint is operating in violation of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections and in violation of an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) The department of ~~education~~ and department of children and youth shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The ~~department~~ departments shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

Sec. 3301.58. (A) The department of ~~education~~ children and youth is responsible for the licensing of preschool programs and school child programs and for the enforcement of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and of any rules adopted under those sections. No school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program without a license issued

under this section. A school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school may obtain a license under this section for a school child program. The school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school shall post the license for each preschool program and licensed school child program it operates, establishes, manages, conducts, or maintains in a conspicuous place in the preschool program or licensed school child program that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees and staff members of the program at all times when the program is in operation.

(B) Any school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school that desires to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program shall apply to the department of ~~education~~ children and youth for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. Any school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school that desires to obtain a license for a school child program shall apply to the department for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. The department shall provide at no charge to each applicant for a license under this section a copy of the requirements under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. The department may establish application fees by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and all applicants for a license shall pay any fee established by the department at the time of making an application for a license. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(C) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the department of ~~education~~ children and youth shall investigate and inspect the preschool program or school child program to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the program and to determine whether the program complies with sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. When, after investigation and inspection, the department of ~~education~~ is satisfied that sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are complied with by the applicant, the department of ~~education~~ shall issue the program a provisional license as soon as practicable in the form and manner prescribed by the rules of the department. The provisional license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance unless revoked.

(D) The department of ~~education~~ children and youth shall investigate

and inspect a preschool program or school child program that has been issued a provisional license at least once during operation under the provisional license. If, after the investigation and inspection, the department ~~of education~~ determines that the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the provisional licensee, the department ~~of education~~ shall issue the program a license. The license shall remain valid unless revoked or the program ceases operations.

(E) The department of ~~education~~ children and youth annually shall investigate and inspect each preschool program or school child program licensed under division (D) of this section to determine if the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the program, and shall notify the program of the results.

(F) The license or provisional license shall state the name of the school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school that operates the preschool program or school child program and the license capacity of the program.

(G) The department of ~~education~~ children and youth may revoke the license of any preschool program or school child program that is not in compliance with the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted jointly with the state board of education under those sections.

(H) If the department of ~~education~~ children and youth revokes a license, the department shall not issue a license to the program within two years from the date of the revocation. All actions of the department with respect to licensing preschool programs and school child programs shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.59. ~~(A)~~ No school child program may receive any state or federal funds specifically allocated for school child programs unless the school child program is licensed by the department of ~~education~~ children and youth pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 or Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code ~~or by the department of job and family services pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B) If an eligible nonpublic school is operating, managing, conducting, or maintaining a preschool program or school child program on July 22, 1991, and if the eligible nonpublic school previously obtained a license for the program from the department of job and family services pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, the eligible nonpublic school shall do one of the following:~~

~~(1) On or before the expiration date of the license, apply pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code to the department of job and family services for a renewal of the license;~~

~~(2) On or before the expiration date of the license, apply pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code to the department of education for a license for the program;~~

~~(3) If the program is a preschool program, cease to operate, manage, conduct, or maintain the program;~~

~~(4) If the program is a school child program, not accept any state or federal funds specifically allocated for school child programs and not accept any state or federal funds for publicly funded child care pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(C) If an eligible nonpublic school is operating, managing, conducting, or maintaining a preschool program or school child program on July 22, 1991, and if the eligible nonpublic school previously has not obtained a license for the program from the department of job and family services pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, the eligible nonpublic school shall do one of the following:~~

~~(1) On July 22, 1991, apply pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code to the department of job and family services for a license for the program;~~

~~(2) On July 22, 1991, apply pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code to the department of education for a license for the program;~~

~~(3) If the program is a preschool program, cease to operate, manage, conduct, or maintain the program;~~

~~(4) If the program is a school child program, not accept any state or federal funds specifically allocated for school child programs and not accept any state or federal funds for publicly funded child care pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(D)(1) If an eligible nonpublic school that operates, manages, conducts, or maintains a preschool program or a school child program elects pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section to renew a license for the program that was issued by the department of job and family services or elects pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section to apply to the department of job and family services for a license for the program, that preschool program or school child program is subject to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code and to licensure under that chapter until the eligible nonpublic school ceases to operate, manage, conduct, or maintain the program.~~

~~(2) If an eligible nonpublic school that operates, manages, conducts, or~~

~~maintains a preschool program or a school child program elects pursuant to division (B)(2) or (C)(2) of this section to apply to the department of education for a license for the program, that preschool program or school child program is subject to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and to licensure under those sections until the eligible nonpublic school ceases to operate, manage, conduct, or maintain the program.~~

~~(E) Not later than July 22, 1992, the departments of job and family services and education shall each prepare a list of the preschool programs and school child programs that are licensed by the respective departments.~~

Sec. 3301.94. Upon approval of the state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of ~~the Ohio board of regents~~ higher education may enter into a memorandum of understanding under which the department of education, on behalf of the chancellor, will receive and maintain copies of data records containing student information reported to the chancellor for the purpose of combining those records with the data reported to the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code to establish an education data repository that may be used to conduct longitudinal research and evaluation. The memorandum of understanding shall specify the following:

(A) That, prior to establishing the repository, the superintendent and chancellor shall develop a strategic plan for the repository that outlines the goals to be achieved from its implementation and use. A copy of the strategic plan shall be provided to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(B) That the chancellor shall submit all student data to be included in the repository to the independent contractor engaged by the department to create and maintain the student data verification codes required by division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. For each student included in the data submitted by the chancellor, the independent contractor shall determine whether a data verification code has been assigned to that student. In the case of a student to whom a data verification code has been assigned, the independent contractor shall add the code to the student's data record and remove from the data record any information that would enable the data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data. In the case of a student to whom a data verification code has not been assigned, the independent contractor shall assign a data verification code to the student, add the data verification code to the student's data record, and remove from the data record any information that would enable the data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data. After making the

modifications described in this division, the independent contractor shall transmit the data to the department.

(C) That the superintendent and the chancellor jointly shall develop procedures for the maintenance of the data in the repository and shall designate the types of research that may be conducted using that data. Permitted uses of the data shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Assisting the department of education, superintendent, ~~or~~ state board, and the department of children and youth in performing audit and evaluation functions concerning preschool, elementary, and secondary education as required or authorized by any provision of law, including division (C) of section 3301.07 and sections 3301.12, 3301.16, 3301.53, 3301.57, 3301.58, and 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) Assisting the chancellor in performing audit and evaluation functions concerning higher education as required or authorized by any provision of law, including sections 3333.04, 3333.041, 3333.047, 3333.122, 3333.123, 3333.16, 3333.161, 3333.374, 3333.72, and 3333.82 of the Revised Code.

(D) That the superintendent and the chancellor, from time to time, jointly may enter into written agreements with entities for the use of data in the repository to conduct research and analysis designed to evaluate the effectiveness of programs or services, to measure progress against specific strategic planning goals, or for any other purpose permitted by law that the superintendent and chancellor consider necessary for the performance of their duties under the Revised Code. The agreements may permit the disclosure of personally identifiable student information to the entity named in the agreement, provided that disclosure complies with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and regulations promulgated under that act prescribing requirements for such agreements. The superintendent shall notify the state board of each agreement entered into under this division.

(E) That the data in the repository submitted by the department of education shall remain under the direct control of the department and that the data in the repository submitted by the chancellor shall remain under the direct control of the chancellor;

(F) That the data in the repository shall be managed in a manner that complies with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended;

(G) That all costs related to the initial establishment and ongoing maintenance of the repository shall be paid from funds received from state incentive grants awarded under division (A), Title XIV, section 14006 of the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, other federal grant programs, or existing appropriations of the department or chancellor that are designated for a purpose consistent with this section;

(H) That the department of education annually shall report to the state board ~~and~~, the chancellor, and the department of children and youth all requests for access to or use of the data in the repository and all costs related to the initial establishment and ongoing maintenance of the repository.

Sec. 3313.64. (A) As used in this section and in section 3313.65 of the Revised Code:

(1)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) of this section, "parent" means either parent, unless the parents are separated or divorced or their marriage has been dissolved or annulled, in which case "parent" means the parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of the child. When a child is in the legal custody of a government agency or a person other than the child's natural or adoptive parent, "parent" means the parent with residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities. When a child is in the permanent custody of a government agency or a person other than the child's natural or adoptive parent, "parent" means the parent who was divested of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and the right to have the child live with the parent and be the legal custodian of the child and all residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

(b) When a child is the subject of a power of attorney executed under sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code, "parent" means the grandparent designated as attorney in fact under the power of attorney. When a child is the subject of a caretaker authorization affidavit executed under sections 3109.64 to 3109.73 of the Revised Code, "parent" means the grandparent that executed the affidavit.

(2) "Legal custody," "permanent custody," and "residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities" have the same meanings as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.

(3) "School district" or "district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district and excludes any school operated in an institution maintained by the department of youth services.

(4) Except as used in division (C)(2) of this section, "home" means a home, institution, foster home, group home, or other residential facility in this state that receives and cares for children, to which any of the following applies:

(a) The home is licensed, certified, or approved for such purpose by the state or is maintained by the department of youth services.

(b) The home is operated by a person who is licensed, certified, or

approved by the state to operate the home for such purpose.

(c) The home accepted the child through a placement by a person licensed, certified, or approved to place a child in such a home by the state.

(d) The home is a children's home created under section 5153.21 or 5153.36 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Agency" means all of the following:

(a) A public children services agency;

(b) An organization that holds a certificate issued by the ~~Ohio~~ department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth in accordance with the requirements of section 5103.03 of the Revised Code and assumes temporary or permanent custody of children through commitment, agreement, or surrender, and places children in family homes for the purpose of adoption;

(c) Comparable agencies of other states or countries that have complied with applicable requirements of section 2151.39 of the Revised Code or as applicable, sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the Revised Code.

(6) A child is placed for adoption if either of the following occurs:

(a) An agency to which the child has been permanently committed or surrendered enters into an agreement with a person pursuant to section 5103.16 of the Revised Code for the care and adoption of the child.

(b) The child's natural parent places the child pursuant to section 5103.16 of the Revised Code with a person who will care for and adopt the child.

(7) "Preschool child with a disability" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Child," unless otherwise indicated, includes preschool children with disabilities.

(9) "Active duty" means active duty pursuant to an executive order of the president of the United States, an act of the congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code for admittance to kindergarten and first grade, a child who is at least five but under twenty-two years of age and any preschool child with a disability shall be admitted to school as provided in this division.

(1) A child shall be admitted to the schools of the school district in which the child's parent resides.

(2) Except as provided in division (B) of section 2151.362 and section 3317.30 of the Revised Code, a child who does not reside in the district where the child's parent resides shall be admitted to the schools of the

district in which the child resides if any of the following applies:

(a) The child is in the legal or permanent custody of a government agency or a person other than the child's natural or adoptive parent.

(b) The child resides in a home.

(c) The child requires special education.

(3) A child who is not entitled under division (B)(2) of this section to be admitted to the schools of the district where the child resides and who is residing with a resident of this state with whom the child has been placed for adoption shall be admitted to the schools of the district where the child resides unless either of the following applies:

(a) The placement for adoption has been terminated.

(b) Another school district is required to admit the child under division (B)(1) of this section.

Division (B) of this section does not prohibit the board of education of a school district from placing a child with a disability who resides in the district in a special education program outside of the district or its schools in compliance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

(C) A district shall not charge tuition for children admitted under division (B)(1) or (3) of this section. If the district admits a child under division (B)(2) of this section, tuition shall be paid to the district that admits the child as provided in divisions (C)(1) to (3) of this section, unless division (C)(4) of this section applies to the child:

(1) If the child receives special education in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the school district of residence, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, shall pay tuition for the child in accordance with section 3323.091, 3323.13, 3323.14, or 3323.141 of the Revised Code regardless of who has custody of the child or whether the child resides in a home.

(2) For a child that does not receive special education in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2)(d) of this section, if the child is in the permanent or legal custody of a government agency or person other than the child's parent, tuition shall be paid by:

(a) The district in which the child's parent resided at the time the court removed the child from home or at the time the court vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the person or government agency, whichever occurred first;

(b) If the parent's residence at the time the court removed the child from home or placed the child in the legal or permanent custody of the person or government agency is unknown, tuition shall be paid by the district in which

the child resided at the time the child was removed from home or placed in legal or permanent custody, whichever occurred first;

(c) If a school district cannot be established under division (C)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, tuition shall be paid by the district determined as required by section 2151.362 of the Revised Code by the court at the time it vests custody of the child in the person or government agency;

(d) If at the time the court removed the child from home or vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the person or government agency, whichever occurred first, one parent was in a residential or correctional facility or a juvenile residential placement and the other parent, if living and not in such a facility or placement, was not known to reside in this state, tuition shall be paid by the district determined under division (D) of section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as the district required to pay any tuition while the parent was in such facility or placement;

(e) If the department of education has determined, pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2151.362 of the Revised Code, that a school district other than the one named in the court's initial order, or in a prior determination of the department, is responsible to bear the cost of educating the child, the district so determined shall be responsible for that cost.

(3) If the child is not in the permanent or legal custody of a government agency or person other than the child's parent and the child resides in a home, tuition shall be paid by one of the following:

(a) The school district in which the child's parent resides;

(b) If the child's parent is not a resident of this state, the home in which the child resides.

(4) Division (C)(4) of this section applies to any child who is admitted to a school district under division (B)(2) of this section, resides in a home that is not a foster home, a home maintained by the department of youth services, a detention facility established under section 2152.41 of the Revised Code, or a juvenile facility established under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, and receives educational services at the home or facility in which the child resides pursuant to a contract between the home or facility and the school district providing those services.

If a child to whom division (C)(4) of this section applies is a special education student, a district may choose whether to receive a tuition payment for that child under division (C)(4) of this section or to receive a payment for that child under section 3323.14 of the Revised Code. If a district chooses to receive a payment for that child under section 3323.14 of the Revised Code, it shall not receive a tuition payment for that child under division (C)(4) of this section.

If a child to whom division (C)(4) of this section applies is not a special education student, a district shall receive a tuition payment for that child under division (C)(4) of this section.

In the case of a child to which division (C)(4) of this section applies, the total educational cost to be paid for the child shall be determined by a formula approved by the department of education, which formula shall be designed to calculate a per diem cost for the educational services provided to the child for each day the child is served and shall reflect the total actual cost incurred in providing those services. The department shall certify the total educational cost to be paid for the child to both the school district providing the educational services and, if different, the school district that is responsible to pay tuition for the child. The department shall deduct the certified amount from the state basic aid funds payable under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code to the district responsible to pay tuition and shall pay that amount to the district providing the educational services to the child.

(D) Tuition required to be paid under divisions (C)(2) and (3)(a) of this section shall be computed in accordance with section 3317.08 of the Revised Code. Tuition required to be paid under division (C)(3)(b) of this section shall be computed in accordance with section 3317.081 of the Revised Code. If a home fails to pay the tuition required by division (C)(3)(b) of this section, the board of education providing the education may recover in a civil action the tuition and the expenses incurred in prosecuting the action, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. If the prosecuting attorney or city director of law represents the board in such action, costs and reasonable attorney's fees awarded by the court, based upon the prosecuting attorney's, director's, or one of their designee's time spent preparing and presenting the case, shall be deposited in the county or city general fund.

(E) A board of education may enroll a child free of any tuition obligation for a period not to exceed sixty days, on the sworn statement of an adult resident of the district that the resident has initiated legal proceedings for custody of the child.

(F) In the case of any individual entitled to attend school under this division, no tuition shall be charged by the school district of attendance and no other school district shall be required to pay tuition for the individual's attendance. Notwithstanding division (B), (C), or (E) of this section:

(1) All persons at least eighteen but under twenty-two years of age who live apart from their parents, support themselves by their own labor, and have not successfully completed the high school curriculum or the individualized education program developed for the person by the high

school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code, are entitled to attend school in the district in which they reside.

(2) Any child under eighteen years of age who is married is entitled to attend school in the child's district of residence.

(3) A child is entitled to attend school in the district in which either of the child's parents is employed if the child has a medical condition that may require emergency medical attention. The parent of a child entitled to attend school under division (F)(3) of this section shall submit to the board of education of the district in which the parent is employed a statement from the child's physician certifying that the child's medical condition may require emergency medical attention. The statement shall be supported by such other evidence as the board may require.

(4) Any child residing with a person other than the child's parent is entitled, for a period not to exceed twelve months, to attend school in the district in which that person resides if the child's parent files an affidavit with the superintendent of the district in which the person with whom the child is living resides stating all of the following:

(a) That the parent is serving outside of the state in the armed services of the United States;

(b) That the parent intends to reside in the district upon returning to this state;

(c) The name and address of the person with whom the child is living while the parent is outside the state.

(5) Any child under the age of twenty-two years who, after the death of a parent, resides in a school district other than the district in which the child attended school at the time of the parent's death is entitled to continue to attend school in the district in which the child attended school at the time of the parent's death for the remainder of the school year, subject to approval of that district board.

(6) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides with a parent who is having a new house built in a school district outside the district where the parent is residing is entitled to attend school for a period of time in the district where the new house is being built. In order to be entitled to such attendance, the parent shall provide the district superintendent with the following:

(a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing the location of the house being built, and stating the parent's intention to reside there upon its completion;

(b) A statement from the builder confirming that a new house is being built for the parent and that the house is at the location indicated in the

parent's statement.

(7) A child under the age of twenty-two years residing with a parent who has a contract to purchase a house in a school district outside the district where the parent is residing and who is waiting upon the date of closing of the mortgage loan for the purchase of such house is entitled to attend school for a period of time in the district where the house is being purchased. In order to be entitled to such attendance, the parent shall provide the district superintendent with the following:

(a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing the location of the house being purchased, and stating the parent's intent to reside there;

(b) A statement from a real estate broker or bank officer confirming that the parent has a contract to purchase the house, that the parent is waiting upon the date of closing of the mortgage loan, and that the house is at the location indicated in the parent's statement.

The district superintendent shall establish a period of time not to exceed ninety days during which the child entitled to attend school under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section may attend without tuition obligation. A student attending a school under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics under the auspices of that school, provided the board of education of the school district where the student's parent resides, by a formal action, releases the student to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school where the student is attending, and provided the student receives any authorization required by a public agency or private organization of which the school district is a member exercising authority over interscholastic sports.

(8) A child whose parent is a full-time employee of a city, local, or exempted village school district, or of an educational service center, may be admitted to the schools of the district where the child's parent is employed, or in the case of a child whose parent is employed by an educational service center, in the district that serves the location where the parent's job is primarily located, provided the district board of education establishes such an admission policy by resolution adopted by a majority of its members. Any such policy shall take effect on the first day of the school year and the effective date of any amendment or repeal may not be prior to the first day of the subsequent school year. The policy shall be uniformly applied to all such children and shall provide for the admission of any such child upon request of the parent. No child may be admitted under this policy after the first day of classes of any school year.

(9) A child who is with the child's parent under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.33 of the Revised

Code, is entitled to attend school free in the district in which the child is with the child's parent, and no other school district shall be required to pay tuition for the child's attendance in that school district.

The enrollment of a child in a school district under this division shall not be denied due to a delay in the school district's receipt of any records required under section 3313.672 of the Revised Code or any other records required for enrollment. Any days of attendance and any credits earned by a child while enrolled in a school district under this division shall be transferred to and accepted by any school district in which the child subsequently enrolls. The state board of education shall adopt rules to ensure compliance with this division.

(10) Any child under the age of twenty-two years whose parent has moved out of the school district after the commencement of classes in the child's senior year of high school is entitled, subject to the approval of that district board, to attend school in the district in which the child attended school at the time of the parental move for the remainder of the school year and for one additional semester or equivalent term. A district board may also adopt a policy specifying extenuating circumstances under which a student may continue to attend school under division (F)(10) of this section for an additional period of time in order to successfully complete the high school curriculum for the individualized education program developed for the student by the high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code.

(11) As used in this division, "grandparent" means a parent of a parent of a child. A child under the age of twenty-two years who is in the custody of the child's parent, resides with a grandparent, and does not require special education is entitled to attend the schools of the district in which the child's grandparent resides, provided that, prior to such attendance in any school year, the board of education of the school district in which the child's grandparent resides and the board of education of the school district in which the child's parent resides enter into a written agreement specifying that good cause exists for such attendance, describing the nature of this good cause, and consenting to such attendance.

In lieu of a consent form signed by a parent, a board of education may request the grandparent of a child attending school in the district in which the grandparent resides pursuant to division (F)(11) of this section to complete any consent form required by the district, including any authorization required by sections 3313.712, 3313.713, 3313.716, and 3313.718 of the Revised Code. Upon request, the grandparent shall complete any consent form required by the district. A school district shall not incur any liability solely because of its receipt of a consent form from a

grandparent in lieu of a parent.

Division (F)(11) of this section does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, a new cause of action or substantive legal right against a school district, a member of a board of education, or an employee of a school district. This section does not affect, and shall not be construed as affecting, any immunities from defenses to tort liability created or recognized by Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code for a school district, member, or employee.

(12) A child under the age of twenty-two years is entitled to attend school in a school district other than the district in which the child is entitled to attend school under division (B), (C), or (E) of this section provided that, prior to such attendance in any school year, both of the following occur:

(a) The superintendent of the district in which the child is entitled to attend school under division (B), (C), or (E) of this section contacts the superintendent of another district for purposes of this division;

(b) The superintendents of both districts enter into a written agreement that consents to the attendance and specifies that the purpose of such attendance is to protect the student's physical or mental well-being or to deal with other extenuating circumstances deemed appropriate by the superintendents.

While an agreement is in effect under this division for a student who is not receiving special education under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and notwithstanding Chapter 3327. of the Revised Code, the board of education of neither school district involved in the agreement is required to provide transportation for the student to and from the school where the student attends.

A student attending a school of a district pursuant to this division shall be allowed to participate in all student activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school where the student is attending on the same basis as any student who has always attended the schools of that district while of compulsory school age.

(13) All school districts shall comply with the "McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 11431 et seq., for the education of homeless children. Each city, local, and exempted village school district shall comply with the requirements of that act governing the provision of a free, appropriate public education, including public preschool, to each homeless child.

When a child loses permanent housing and becomes a homeless person, as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 11481(5), or when a child who is such a homeless person changes temporary living arrangements, the child's parent or

guardian shall have the option of enrolling the child in either of the following:

(a) The child's school of origin, as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 11432(g)(3)(C);

(b) The school that is operated by the school district in which the shelter where the child currently resides is located and that serves the geographic area in which the shelter is located.

(14) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides with a person other than the child's parent is entitled to attend school in the school district in which that person resides if both of the following apply:

(a) That person has been appointed, through a military power of attorney executed under section 574(a) of the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994," 107 Stat. 1674 (1993), 10 U.S.C. 1044b, or through a comparable document necessary to complete a family care plan, as the parent's agent for the care, custody, and control of the child while the parent is on active duty as a member of the national guard or a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States or because the parent is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is on a duty assignment away from the parent's residence.

(b) The military power of attorney or comparable document includes at least the authority to enroll the child in school.

The entitlement to attend school in the district in which the parent's agent under the military power of attorney or comparable document resides applies until the end of the school year in which the military power of attorney or comparable document expires.

(G) A board of education, after approving admission, may waive tuition for students who will temporarily reside in the district and who are either of the following:

(1) Residents or domiciliaries of a foreign nation who request admission as foreign exchange students;

(2) Residents or domiciliaries of the United States but not of Ohio who request admission as participants in an exchange program operated by a student exchange organization.

(H) Pursuant to sections 3311.211, 3313.90, 3319.01, 3323.04, 3327.04, and 3327.06 of the Revised Code, a child may attend school or participate in a special education program in a school district other than in the district where the child is entitled to attend school under division (B) of this section.

(I)(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, a child under twenty-two years of age may attend school in the school district in which the child, at the end of the first

full week of October of the school year, was entitled to attend school as otherwise provided under this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, if at that time the child was enrolled in the schools of the district but since that time the child or the child's parent has relocated to a new address located outside of that school district and within the same county as the child's or parent's address immediately prior to the relocation. The child may continue to attend school in the district, and at the school to which the child was assigned at the end of the first full week of October of the current school year, for the balance of the school year. Division (I)(1) of this section applies only if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The board of education of the school district in which the child was entitled to attend school at the end of the first full week in October and of the district to which the child or child's parent has relocated each has adopted a policy to enroll children described in division (I)(1) of this section.

(b) The child's parent provides written notification of the relocation outside of the school district to the superintendent of each of the two school districts.

(2) At the beginning of the school year following the school year in which the child or the child's parent relocated outside of the school district as described in division (I)(1) of this section, the child is not entitled to attend school in the school district under that division.

(3) Any person or entity owing tuition to the school district on behalf of the child at the end of the first full week in October, as provided in division (C) of this section, shall continue to owe such tuition to the district for the child's attendance under division (I)(1) of this section for the lesser of the balance of the school year or the balance of the time that the child attends school in the district under division (I)(1) of this section.

(4) A pupil who may attend school in the district under division (I)(1) of this section shall be entitled to transportation services pursuant to an agreement between the district and the district in which the child or child's parent has relocated unless the districts have not entered into such agreement, in which case the child shall be entitled to transportation services in the same manner as a pupil attending school in the district under interdistrict open enrollment as described in division (E) of section 3313.981 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the district has adopted an open enrollment policy as described in division (B)(1)(b) or (c) of section 3313.98 of the Revised Code.

(J) This division does not apply to a child receiving special education.

A school district required to pay tuition pursuant to division (C)(2) or

(3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code shall have an amount deducted under division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code equal to its own tuition rate for the same period of attendance. A school district entitled to receive tuition pursuant to division (C)(2) or (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code shall have an amount credited under division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code equal to its own tuition rate for the same period of attendance. If the tuition rate credited to the district of attendance exceeds the rate deducted from the district required to pay tuition, the department of education shall pay the district of attendance the difference from amounts deducted from all districts' payments under division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code but not credited to other school districts under such division and from appropriations made for such purpose. The treasurer of each school district shall, by the fifteenth day of January and July, furnish the superintendent of public instruction a report of the names of each child who attended the district's schools under divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code during the preceding six calendar months, the duration of the attendance of those children, the school district responsible for tuition on behalf of the child, and any other information that the superintendent requires.

Upon receipt of the report the superintendent, pursuant to division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall deduct each district's tuition obligations under divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code and pay to the district of attendance that amount plus any amount required to be paid by the state.

(K) In the event of a disagreement, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the school district in which the parent resides.

(L) Nothing in this section requires or authorizes, or shall be construed to require or authorize, the admission to a public school in this state of a pupil who has been permanently excluded from public school attendance by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code.

(M) In accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, a child whose parent is a member of the national guard or a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States and is called to active duty, or a child whose parent is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is ordered to a temporary duty assignment outside of the district, may continue to attend school in the district in which the child's parent lived before being called to active duty or ordered to a temporary duty assignment outside of the district, as long as the child's parent continues to be a resident of that district, and

regardless of where the child lives as a result of the parent's active duty status or temporary duty assignment. However, the district is not responsible for providing transportation for the child if the child lives outside of the district as a result of the parent's active duty status or temporary duty assignment.

Sec. 3313.646. (A) The board of education of a school district, except a cooperative education district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code, may establish and operate a program to provide services to preschool-age children, provided the board has demonstrated a need for the program. A board may use school funds in support of preschool programs. The board shall maintain, operate, and admit children to any such program pursuant to rules adopted by such board and the rules ~~of the state board of education~~ adopted under sections 3301.52 to 3301.57 of the Revised Code.

A board of education may establish fees or tuition, which may be graduated in proportion to family income, for participation in a preschool program. In cases where payment of fees or tuition would create a hardship for the child's parent or guardian, the board may waive any such fees or tuition.

(B) No board of education that is not receiving funds under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, on March 17, 1989, shall compete for funds under the "Head Start Act" with any grantee receiving funds under that act.

(C) A board of education may contract with any of the following preschool providers to provide services to preschool-age children, other than those services for which the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code:

- (1) Any organization receiving funds under the "Head Start Act";
- (2) Any nonsectarian eligible nonpublic school as defined in division (H) of section 3301.52 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Any child care provider licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

Boards may contract to provide services to preschool-age children only with such organizations whose staff meet the requirements of rules adopted under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code or those of the child development associate credential established by the national association for the education of young children.

(D) A contract entered into under division (C) of this section may provide for the board of education to lease school facilities to the preschool provider or to furnish transportation, utilities, or staff for the preschool

program.

(E) The treasurer of any board of education operating a preschool program pursuant to this section shall keep an account of all funds used to operate the program in the same manner as the treasurer would any other funds of the district pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction. The department of education shall make available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed with the superintendent under this section.

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.

(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;

(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student.

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code.

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities to be used that contains at least the following information:

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes;

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school;

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school;

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code.

(11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per school year.

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school.

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution.

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6025, 3313.6026, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner specified in

section 3314.17 of the Revised Code.

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 2921.42 of the Revised Code.

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education. Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency adopted by the state board of education under divisions (J)(1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall comply with the framework for granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education developed by the department under division (J)(3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code.

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four months after the end of each school year a report of its activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and its financial status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled in the school.

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub.

L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, the school will pay teachers based upon performance in accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed ~~by the department of education~~ under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the ~~state board~~ department of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district unless it is either of the following:

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the Revised Code.

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to employees;

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code;

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or educational service center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is a converted public school or service center building, specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of education or service center governing board that operated the school or building before conversion is delegating to the governing authority of the community school with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees;

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the governing authority of the community school;

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department of education to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;

(b) The authority of the department of education as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (H)(2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor shall not be required to take any action

described in division (F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code.

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of September each school year, unless the mission of the school as specified under division (A)(2) of this section is solely to serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void.

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code;

(27) That the school's attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection;

(28) That the school's attendance and participation records shall be made available to the department of education, auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of the Revised Code;

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the

school has contracted.

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a student's parent to notify the community school in which the student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of the parent's or student's primary residence.

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a student residence and address verification policy for students enrolling in or attending the school.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;

(5) Internal financial controls.

When submitting the plan under this division, the school shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing authority of the school.

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department of education under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following:

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school;

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the academic goals prescribed in the contract have been satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, and 3314.073 of the Revised Code.

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation within one year after the contract entered into under this section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A school shall not be considered permanently closed because the operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.06. The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter shall adopt admission procedures that specify the following:

(A) That, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school shall be open to any individual age five to twenty-two entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code in a school district in the state.

Additionally, except as otherwise provided in this section, admission to the school may be open on a tuition basis to any individual age five to twenty-two who is not a resident of this state. The school shall not receive

state funds under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for any student who is not a resident of this state.

An individual younger than five years of age may be admitted to the school in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code. The school shall receive funds for an individual admitted under that division in the manner provided under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

If the school operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society, the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education, or the association Montessori internationale as its primary method of instruction, admission to the school may be open to individuals younger than five years of age but the school shall not receive funds under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for those individuals. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, individuals younger than five years of age who are enrolled in a Montessori program shall be offered at least four hundred fifty-five hours of learning opportunities per school year.

If the school operates a preschool program that is licensed ~~by the department of education~~ under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, admission to the school may be open to individuals who are younger than five years of age, but the school shall not receive funds under this chapter for those individuals.

(B)(1) That admission to the school may be limited to students who have attained a specific grade level or are within a specific age group; to students that meet a definition of "at-risk," as defined in the contract; to residents of a specific geographic area within the district, as defined in the contract; or to separate groups of autistic students and nondisabled students, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code and as defined in the contract.

(2) For purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, "at-risk" students may include those students identified as gifted students under section 3324.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whether enrollment is limited to students who reside in the district in which the school is located or is open to residents of other districts, as provided in the policy adopted pursuant to the contract.

(D)(1) That there will be no discrimination in the admission of students to the school on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, or sex except that:

(a) The governing authority may do either of the following for the purpose described in division (G) of this section:

(i) Establish a single-gender school for either sex;

(ii) Establish single-gender schools for each sex under the same contract, provided substantially equal facilities and learning opportunities are offered for both boys and girls. Such facilities and opportunities may be offered for each sex at separate locations.

(b) The governing authority may establish a school that simultaneously serves a group of students identified as autistic and a group of students who are not disabled, as authorized in section 3314.061 of the Revised Code. However, unless the total capacity established for the school has been filled, no student with any disability shall be denied admission on the basis of that disability.

(2) That upon admission of any student with a disability, the community school will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

(E) That the school may not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability, except that a school may limit its enrollment to students as described in division (B) of this section.

(F) That the community school will admit the number of students that does not exceed the capacity of the school's programs, classes, grade levels, or facilities.

(G) That the purpose of single-gender schools that are established shall be to take advantage of the academic benefits some students realize from single-gender instruction and facilities and to offer students and parents residing in the district the option of a single-gender education.

(H) That, except as otherwise provided under division (B) of this section or section 3314.061 of the Revised Code, if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of division (F) of this section, students shall be admitted by lot from all those submitting applications, except preference shall be given to students attending the school the previous year and to students who reside in the district in which the school is located. Preference may be given to siblings of students attending the school the previous year. Preference also may be given to students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the school, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than five per cent of the school's total enrollment.

Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (H) of this section, in the event the racial composition of the enrollment of the community school is violative of a federal desegregation order, the community school shall take any and all corrective measures to comply with the desegregation order.

Sec. 3314.08. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "IEP" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall adopt rules requiring the governing authority of each community school established under this chapter to annually report all of the following:

(1) The number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve and the full-time equivalent number of students enrolled in kindergarten in the school who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(2) The number of enrolled students in grades one through twelve and the full-time equivalent number of enrolled students in kindergarten, who are receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(3) The number of students reported under division (B)(2) of this section receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in each of divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(4) The full-time equivalent number of students reported under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section who are enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A)(1) to (5) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code that are provided by the community school;

(5) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section who are not reported under division (B)(4) of this section but who are enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A)(1) to (5) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code at a joint vocational school district or another district in the career-technical planning district to which the school is assigned;

(6) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section who are category one to three English learners described in each of divisions (A) to (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(7) The number of students reported under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (B)(7) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(8) For each student, the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(9) The number of students enrolled in a preschool program operated by the school that is licensed ~~by the department of education~~ under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

A school district board and a community school governing authority shall include in their respective reports under division (B) of this section any child admitted in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

A governing authority of a community school shall not include in its report under divisions (B)(1) to (9) of this section any student for whom tuition is charged under division (F) of this section.

(C)(1)(a) If a community school's costs for a fiscal year for a student receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a disability described in divisions (B) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified in division (B) of section 3317.0214 of the Revised Code, the school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the community school an amount equal to the school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic costs.

(b) The community school shall report under division (C)(1)(a) of this section, and the department shall pay for, only the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(2) In any fiscal year, a community school receiving funds under division (A)(7) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for career-technical education expenses. Career-technical education expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the school to report data annually so that the department may monitor the school's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (A)(7) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code may be spent.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3313.90 of the Revised Code, except as provided in division (C)(5) of this section, all funds

received under division (A)(7) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code shall be spent in the following manner:

(a) At least seventy-five per cent of the funds shall be spent on curriculum development, purchase, and implementation; instructional resources and supplies; industry-based program certification; student assessment, credentialing, and placement; curriculum specific equipment purchases and leases; career-technical student organization fees and expenses; home and agency linkages; work-based learning experiences; professional development; and other costs directly associated with career-technical education programs including development of new programs.

(b) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the funds shall be used for personnel expenditures.

(4) A community school shall spend the funds it receives under division (A)(4) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code in accordance with section 3317.25 of the Revised Code.

(5) The department may waive the requirement in division (C)(3) of this section for any community school that exclusively provides one or more career-technical workforce development programs in arts and communications that are not equipment-intensive, as determined by the department.

(6) For fiscal years 2022 and 2023, a community school shall spend the funds it receives under division (A)(5) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code only for services for English learners.

(D) A board of education sponsoring a community school may utilize local funds to make enhancement grants to the school or may agree, either as part of the contract or separately, to provide any specific services to the community school at no cost to the school.

(E) A community school may not levy taxes or issue bonds secured by tax revenues.

(F) No community school shall charge tuition for the enrollment of any student who is a resident of this state. A community school may charge tuition for the enrollment of any student who is not a resident of this state.

(G)(1)(a) A community school may borrow money to pay any necessary and actual expenses of the school in anticipation of the receipt of any portion of the payments to be received by the school pursuant to section 3317.022 of the Revised Code. The school may issue notes to evidence such borrowing. The proceeds of the notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the school.

(b) A school may also borrow money for a term not to exceed fifteen

years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.

(2) Except for any amount guaranteed under section 3318.50 of the Revised Code, the state is not liable for debt incurred by the governing authority of a community school.

(H) The department of education shall adjust the amounts paid under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to reflect any enrollment of students in community schools for less than the equivalent of a full school year. The state board of education within ninety days after April 8, 2003, shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules governing the payments to community schools under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code including initial payments in a school year and adjustments and reductions made in subsequent periodic payments to community schools as provided under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this division:

(1) A student shall be considered enrolled in the community school for any portion of the school year the student is participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

(2) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in a community school for the period of time beginning on the later of the date on which the school both has received documentation of the student's enrollment from a parent and the student has commenced participation in learning opportunities as defined in the contract with the sponsor, or thirty days prior to the date on which the student is entered into the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. For purposes of applying this division and divisions (H)(3) and (4) of this section to a community school student, "learning opportunities" shall be defined in the contract, which shall describe both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities and shall be in compliance with criteria and documentation requirements for student participation which shall be established by the department. Any student's instruction time in non-classroom-based learning opportunities shall be certified by an employee of the community school. A student's enrollment shall be considered to cease on the date on which any of the following occur:

(a) The community school receives documentation from a parent terminating enrollment of the student.

(b) The community school is provided documentation of a student's enrollment in another public or private school.

(c) The community school ceases to offer learning opportunities to the student pursuant to the terms of the contract with the sponsor or the operation of any provision of this chapter.

Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, any student who completed the prior school year in an internet- or computer-based community school shall be considered to be enrolled in the same school in the subsequent school year until the student's enrollment has ceased as specified in division (H)(2) of this section. The department shall continue paying amounts for the student under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code without interruption at the start of the subsequent school year. However, if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in the first seventy-two consecutive hours of learning opportunities offered to the student in that subsequent school year, the student shall be considered not to have re-enrolled in the school for that school year and the department shall recalculate the payments to the school for that school year to account for the fact that the student is not enrolled.

(3) The department shall determine each community school student's percentage of full-time equivalency based on the percentage of learning opportunities offered by the community school to that student, reported either as number of hours or number of days, is of the total learning opportunities offered by the community school to a student who attends for the school's entire school year. However, no internet- or computer-based community school shall be credited for any time a student spends participating in learning opportunities beyond ten hours within any period of twenty-four consecutive hours. Whether it reports hours or days of learning opportunities, each community school shall offer not less than nine hundred twenty hours of learning opportunities during the school year.

(4) With respect to the calculation of full-time equivalency under division (H)(3) of this section, the department shall waive the number of hours or days of learning opportunities not offered to a student because the community school was closed during the school year due to disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use, so long as the school was actually open for instruction with students in attendance during that school year for not less than the minimum number of hours required by this chapter. The department shall treat the school as if it were open for instruction with students in attendance during the hours or days waived under this division.

(I) The department of education shall reduce the amounts paid under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to reflect payments made to colleges under section 3365.07 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) No student shall be considered enrolled in any internet- or computer-based community school or, if applicable to the student, in any community school that is required to provide the student with a computer pursuant to division (C) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, unless both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student possesses or has been provided with all required hardware and software materials and all such materials are operational so that the student is capable of fully participating in the learning opportunities specified in the contract between the school and the school's sponsor as required by division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school is in compliance with division (A) of section 3314.22 of the Revised Code, relative to such student.

(2) In accordance with policies adopted by the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the auditor of state, the department shall reduce the amounts otherwise payable under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to any community school that includes in its program the provision of computer hardware and software materials to any student, if such hardware and software materials have not been delivered, installed, and activated for each such student in a timely manner or other educational materials or services have not been provided according to the contract between the individual community school and its sponsor.

The superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state shall jointly establish a method for auditing any community school to which this division pertains to ensure compliance with this section.

The superintendent, auditor of state, and the governor shall jointly make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative changes that may be required to assure fiscal and academic accountability for such schools.

(K)(1) If the department determines that a review of a community school's enrollment is necessary, such review shall be completed and written notice of the findings shall be provided to the governing authority of the community school and its sponsor within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year, unless extended for a period not to exceed thirty additional days for one of the following reasons:

(a) The department and the community school mutually agree to the extension.

(b) Delays in data submission caused by either a community school or its sponsor.

(2) If the review results in a finding that additional funding is owed to the school, such payment shall be made within thirty days of the written notice. If the review results in a finding that the community school owes

moneys to the state, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) Within ten business days of the receipt of the notice of findings, the community school may appeal the department's determination to the state board of education or its designee.

(b) The board or its designee shall conduct an informal hearing on the matter within thirty days of receipt of such an appeal and shall issue a decision within fifteen days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(c) If the board has enlisted a designee to conduct the hearing, the designee shall certify its decision to the board. The board may accept the decision of the designee or may reject the decision of the designee and issue its own decision on the matter.

(d) Any decision made by the board under this division is final.

(3) If it is decided that the community school owes moneys to the state, the department shall deduct such amount from the school's future payments in accordance with guidelines issued by the superintendent of public instruction.

(L) The department shall not pay to a community school under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code any amount for any of the following:

(1) Any student who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any student who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any student who was enrolled in the community school during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants the student a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment and a parent is not paying tuition for the student pursuant to section 3314.26 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(4) Any student who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for enrollment in a community school not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge. If, however, any such veteran elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under federal law, or otherwise, the department shall not pay to a community school under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code any amount

for that veteran.

Sec. 3323.022. The rules of the state board of education adopted in consultation with the department of children and youth for staffing ratios for programs with preschool children with disabilities shall require the following:

(A) A full-time staff member shall be provided when there are eight full-day or sixteen half-day preschool children eligible for special education enrolled in a center-based preschool special education program.

(B) Staff ratios of one teacher for every eight children shall be maintained at all times for a program with a center-based teacher, and a second adult shall be present when there are nine or more children, including nondisabled children enrolled in a class session.

(C) Unless otherwise specified in the individualized education program, a minimum of ten hours of services per week shall be provided for each child served by a center-based teacher.

Sec. 3323.20. ~~On July 1, 2006, and~~ Annually on ~~each the~~ first day of July ~~thereafter~~, the department of education, in consultation with the department of children and youth, shall electronically report to the general assembly the number of preschool children with disabilities who received services for which the department of education made a payment to any provider during the previous fiscal year, disaggregated according to each area of developmental deficiency identified by the department of education for the evaluation of such children.

Sec. 3323.32. (A) The department of education shall contract with an entity to administer programs and coordinate services for infants, preschool and school-age children, and adults with autism and low incidence disabilities. The entity shall be selected by the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the director of children and youth and the advisory board established under section 3323.33 of the Revised Code.

The contract with the entity selected shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

(1) A description of the programs to be administered and services to be provided or coordinated by the entity, which shall include at least the duties prescribed by sections 3323.34 and 3323.35 of the Revised Code;

(2) A description of the expected outcomes from the programs administered and services provided or coordinated by the entity;

(3) A stipulation that the entity's performance is subject to evaluation by the department and renewal of the entity's contract is subject to the department's satisfaction with the entity's performance;

(4) A description of the measures and milestones the department will

use to determine whether the performance of the entity is satisfactory;

(5) Any other provision the department determines is necessary to ensure the quality of services to individuals with autism and low incidence disabilities.

(B) In selecting the entity under division (A) of this section, the superintendent, the director of children and youth, and the advisory board shall give primary consideration to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, established under section 3323.31 of the Revised Code, as long as the principal goals and mission of the Center, as determined by the superintendent, the director, and the advisory board, are consistent with the requirements of divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section.

Sec. 3325.06. (A) The state board of education, in consultation with the department of children and youth, shall institute and establish a program of education by the department of education to train parents of deaf or hard of hearing children of preschool age. The object and purpose of the educational program shall be to aid and assist the parents of deaf or hard of hearing children of preschool age in affording to the children the means of optimum communicational facilities.

(B) The state board of education, in consultation with the department of children and youth, shall institute and establish a program of education to train and assist parents of children of preschool age whose disabilities are visual impairments. The object and purpose of the educational program shall be to enable the parents of children of preschool age whose disabilities are visual impairments to provide their children with learning experiences that develop early literacy, communication, mobility, and daily living skills so the children can function independently in their living environments.

Sec. 3325.07. The state board of education, in consultation with the department of children and youth, in carrying out this section and division (A) of section 3325.06 of the Revised Code shall, insofar as practicable, plan, present, and carry into effect an educational program by means of any of the following methods of instruction:

(A) Classes for parents of deaf or hard of hearing children of preschool age;

(B) A nursery school where parent and child would enter the nursery school as a unit;

(C) Correspondence course;

(D) Personal consultations and interviews;

(E) Day-care or child development courses;

(F) Summer enrichment courses;

(G) By such other means or methods as the superintendent of the state

school for the deaf deems advisable that would permit a deaf or hard of hearing child of preschool age to construct a pattern of communication at an early age.

The superintendent may allow children who are not deaf or hard of hearing to participate in the methods of instruction described in divisions (A) to (G) of this section as a means to assist deaf or hard of hearing children to construct a pattern of communication. The superintendent shall establish policies and procedures regarding the participation of children who are not deaf or hard of hearing.

The superintendent may establish reasonable fees for participation in the methods of instruction described in divisions (A) to (G) of this section to defray the costs of carrying them out. The superintendent shall determine the manner by which any such fees shall be collected. All fees shall be deposited in the even start fees and gifts fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The money in the fund shall be used to implement this section.

Sec. 3701.507. (A) To assist in implementing sections 3701.503 to 3701.509 of the Revised Code, the medically handicapped children's medical advisory council created in section 3701.025 of the Revised Code shall appoint a permanent infant hearing screening subcommittee. The subcommittee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One otolaryngologist;
- (2) One neonatologist;
- (3) One pediatrician;
- (4) One neurologist;
- (5) One hospital administrator;
- (6) Two or more audiologists who are experienced in infant hearing screening and evaluation;
- (7) One speech-language pathologist licensed under section 4753.07 of the Revised Code;
- (8) Two persons who are each a parent of a hearing-impaired child;
- (9) One geneticist;
- (10) One epidemiologist;
- (11) One adult who is deaf or hearing impaired;
- (12) One representative from an organization for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired;
- (13) One family advocate;
- (14) One nurse from a well-baby neonatal nursery;
- (15) One nurse from a special care neonatal nursery;
- (16) One teacher of persons who are deaf who works with infants and

toddlers;

(17) One representative of the health insurance industry;

(18) One representative of the children with medical handicaps program;

(19) One representative of the department of education;

(20) One representative of the department of medicaid;

(21) One representative of the department of children and youth;

(22) Any other person the advisory council appoints.

(B) The infant hearing subcommittee shall:

(1) Consult with the director of health regarding the administration of sections 3701.503 to 3701.509 of the Revised Code;

(2) Advise and make recommendations regarding proposed rules prior to their adoption by the director under section 3701.508 of the Revised Code;

(3) Consult with the director of health and advise and make recommendations regarding program development and implementation under sections 3701.503 to 3701.509 of the Revised Code, including all of the following:

(a) Establishment under section 3701.504 of the Revised Code of the statewide hearing screening, tracking, and early intervention program to identify newborn and infant hearing impairment;

(b) Identification of locations where hearing evaluations may be conducted;

(c) Recommendations for methods and techniques of hearing screening and hearing evaluation;

(d) Referral, data recording and compilation, and procedures to encourage follow-up hearing care;

(e) Maintenance of a register of newborns and infants who do not pass the hearing screening;

(f) Preparation of the information required by section 3701.506 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.78. (A) There is hereby created the commission on minority health, consisting of ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-two members. The governor shall appoint to the commission nine members from among health researchers, health planners, and health professionals. The governor also shall appoint two members who are representatives of the lupus awareness and education program. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint to the commission two members of the house of representatives, not more than one of whom is a member of the same political party, and the president of the senate shall appoint to the commission two members of the senate, not more

than one of whom is a member of the same political party. The following shall be members of the commission: the directors of health, mental health and addiction services, developmental disabilities, children and youth, and job and family services, or their designees; the medicaid director, or the director's designee; and the superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee.

The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

Of the members appointed by the governor, five shall be appointed to initial terms of one year, and four shall be appointed to initial terms of two years. Thereafter, all members appointed by the governor shall be appointed to terms of two years. All members of the commission appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives or the president of the senate shall be nonvoting members of the commission and be appointed within thirty days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly, and shall serve until the expiration of the session of the general assembly during which they were appointed.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses they incur in the performance of their official duties.

(B) The commission shall promote health and the prevention of disease among members of minority groups. Each year the commission shall distribute grants from available funds to community-based health groups to be used to promote health and the prevention of disease among members of minority groups. As used in this division, "minority group" means any of the following economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks, American Indians, Hispanics, and Orientals. The commission shall adopt and maintain rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to provide for the distribution of these grants. No group shall qualify to receive a grant from the commission unless it receives at least twenty per cent of its funds from sources other than grants distributed under this section.

(C) The commission may appoint such employees as it considers necessary to carry out its duties under this section. The department of health shall provide office space for the commission.

(D) The commission shall meet at the call of its chairperson to conduct its official business. A majority of the voting members of the commission constitute a quorum. The votes of at least eight voting members of the commission are necessary for the commission to take any official action or to approve the distribution of grants under this section.

Sec. 3701.80. The department of health shall cooperate with the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth when the director promulgates

rules pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code governing the health and sanitary practices of meal preparation and service for type A family day-care homes, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, recommend procedures for inspecting type A family day-care homes to determine whether they are in compliance with those rules, and provide training and technical assistance to the director on the procedures for determining compliance with those rules.

Sec. 3705.32. (A) Except as provided in this section, records received and information assembled by the birth defects information system pursuant to section 3705.30 of the Revised Code are confidential medical records.

(B)(1) The director of health may use information assembled by the system to notify parents, guardians, and custodians of children with congenital anomalies or abnormal conditions of medical care and other services available for the child and family.

(2) The director may disclose information assembled by the system with the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of the child who is the subject of the information.

(C)(1) Access to information assembled by the system shall be limited to the following persons and government entities:

- (a) The director of health;
- (b) Authorized employees of the department of health;
- (c) The director of children and youth;
- (d) Qualified persons or government entities that are engaged in demographic, epidemiological, or similar studies related to health and health care provision.

(2) The director shall give a person or government entity described in division ~~(C)(1)(e)~~(C)(1)(d) of this section access to the system only if the person or a representative of the person or government entity signs an agreement to maintain the system's confidentiality.

(3) The director shall maintain a record of all persons and government entities given access to the information in the system. The record shall include all of the following information:

- (a) The name of the person who authorized access to the system;
- (b) The name, title, and organizational affiliation of the person or government entity given access to the system;
- (c) The dates the person or government entity was given access to the system;
- (d) The specific purpose for which the person or government entity intends to use the information.

(4) The record maintained pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section is a

public record, as defined in section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(5) A person who violates an agreement described in division (C)(2) of this section may be denied further access to confidential information maintained by the director.

(D) The director may disclose information assembled by the system in summary, statistical, or other form that does not identify particular individuals or individual sources of information.

Sec. 3705.36. Three years after the date a birth defects information system is implemented pursuant to section 3705.30 of the Revised Code, and annually thereafter, the department of health shall prepare a report regarding the birth defects information system. The department shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the departments of developmental disabilities, education, children and youth, and job and family services, the commission on minority health, and the news media.

Sec. 3705.40. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of health" means a board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Geocoding" means a geographic information system (GIS) operation for converting street addresses into spatial data that can be displayed as features on a map, usually by referencing address information from a street segment data layer.

(B) The state registrar shall ensure that the department of children and youth and each board of health ~~has~~ have access to preliminary birth and death data maintained by the department of health, as well as access to any electronic system of vital records the state registrar or department of health maintains, including the Ohio public health information warehouse. To the extent possible, the preliminary data shall be provided in a format that permits geocoding. If the state registrar requires the department of children and youth or a board to enter into a data use agreement before accessing such data or systems, the state registrar shall provide the department and each board with an application for this purpose and, if requested, assist with the application's completion.

(C) The state registrar shall provide the users of the preliminary data and electronic systems described in division (B) of this section with a data analysis tool kit that assists the users with using the data in a manner that promotes consistency and accuracy among users. The tool kit shall include a data dictionary and sample data analyses.

Sec. 3737.22. (A) The fire marshal shall do all of the following:

(1) Adopt the state fire code under sections 3737.82 to 3737.86 of the Revised Code;

(2) Enforce the state fire code;

(3) Appoint assistant fire marshals who are authorized to enforce the state fire code;

(4) Conduct investigations into the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires and explosions, and assist in the prosecution of persons believed to be guilty of arson or a similar crime;

(5) Compile statistics concerning loss due to fire and explosion as the fire marshal considers necessary, and consider the compatibility of the fire marshal's system of compilation with the systems of other state and federal agencies and fire marshals of other states;

(6) Engage in research on the cause and prevention of losses due to fire and explosion;

(7) Engage in public education and informational activities which will inform the public of fire safety information;

(8) Operate a fire training academy and forensic laboratory;

(9) Conduct other fire safety and fire fighting training activities for the public and groups as will further the cause of fire safety;

(10) Conduct licensing examinations, and issue permits, licenses, and certificates, as authorized by the Revised Code;

(11) Conduct tests of fire protection systems and devices, and fire fighting equipment to determine compliance with the state fire code, unless a building is insured against the hazard of fire, in which case such tests may be performed by the company insuring the building;

(12) Establish and collect fees for conducting licensing examinations and for issuing permits, licenses, and certificates;

(13) Make available for the prosecuting attorney and an assistant prosecuting attorney from each county of this state, in accordance with section 3737.331 of the Revised Code, a seminar program, attendance at which is optional, that is designed to provide current information, data, training, and techniques relative to the prosecution of arson cases;

(14) Administer and enforce Chapter 3743. of the Revised Code;

(15) Develop a uniform standard for the reporting of information required to be filed under division (E)(4) of section 2921.22 of the Revised Code, and accept the reports of the information when they are filed.

(B) The fire marshal shall appoint a chief deputy fire marshal, and shall employ professional and clerical assistants as the fire marshal considers necessary. The chief deputy shall be a competent former or current member of a fire agency and possess five years of recent, progressively more

responsible experience in fire inspection, fire code enforcement, and fire code management. The chief deputy, with the approval of the director of commerce, shall temporarily assume the duties of the fire marshal when the fire marshal is absent or temporarily unable to carry out the duties of the office. When there is a vacancy in the office of fire marshal, the chief deputy, with the approval of the director of commerce, shall temporarily assume the duties of the fire marshal until a new fire marshal is appointed under section 3737.21 of the Revised Code.

All employees, other than the fire marshal; the chief deputy fire marshal; the superintendent of the Ohio fire academy; the grants administrator; the fiscal officer; the executive secretary to the fire marshal; legal counsel; the pyrotechnics administrator, the chief of the forensic laboratory; the person appointed by the fire marshal to serve as administrator over functions concerning testing, license examinations, and the issuance of permits and certificates; and the chiefs of the bureaus of fire prevention, of fire and explosion investigation, of code enforcement, and of underground storage tanks shall be in the classified civil service. The fire marshal shall authorize the chief deputy and other employees under the fire marshal's supervision to exercise powers granted to the fire marshal by law as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the fire marshal's office.

(C) The fire marshal shall create, in and as a part of the office of fire marshal, a fire and explosion investigation bureau consisting of a chief of the bureau and additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be experienced in the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires, and in administration, including the supervision of subordinates. The chief, among other duties delegated to the chief by the fire marshal, shall be responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires and explosions in the state, and for assistance in the prosecution of persons believed to be guilty of arson or a similar crime.

(D)(1) The fire marshal shall create, as part of the office of fire marshal, a bureau of code enforcement consisting of a chief of the bureau and additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be qualified, by education or experience, in fire inspection, fire code development, fire code enforcement, or any other similar field determined by the fire marshal, and in administration, including the supervision of subordinates. The chief is responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for fire inspection, fire code development, fire code enforcement, and any other duties delegated to

the chief by the fire marshal.

(2) The fire marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, the chief of the bureau of code enforcement, or any assistant fire marshal under the direction of the fire marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, or the chief of the bureau of code enforcement may cause to be conducted the inspection of all buildings, structures, and other places, the condition of which may be dangerous from a fire safety standpoint to life or property, or to property adjacent to the buildings, structures, or other places.

(E) The fire marshal shall create, as a part of the office of fire marshal, a bureau of fire prevention consisting of a chief of the bureau and additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be qualified, by education or experience, to promote programs for rural and urban fire prevention and protection. The chief, among other duties delegated to the chief by the fire marshal, is responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for the promotion of rural and urban fire prevention and protection through public information and education programs.

(F) The fire marshal shall cooperate with the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth when the director adopts rules under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in licensed type B family day-care homes, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, recommend procedures for inspecting type B homes to determine whether they are in compliance with those rules, and provide training and technical assistance to the director of children and youth and county directors of job and family services on the procedures for determining compliance with those rules.

(G) The fire marshal, upon request of a provider of child care in a type B home that is not licensed by the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, as a precondition of approval by the state board of education under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code for receipt of United States department of agriculture child and adult care food program funds established under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, shall inspect the type B home to determine compliance with rules adopted under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in licensed type B homes. In municipal corporations and in townships where there is a certified fire safety inspector, the inspections shall be made by that inspector under the supervision of the fire marshal, according to rules adopted under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code. In townships outside municipal corporations where there is no certified fire safety inspector, inspections shall be made by

the fire marshal.

Sec. 3742.32. (A) The director of health shall appoint an advisory council to assist in the ongoing development and implementation of the child lead poisoning prevention program created under section 3742.31 of the Revised Code. The advisory council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) A representative of the department of medicaid;
- (2) A representative of the bureau of child care in the department of job and family services;
- (3) A representative of the department of environmental protection;
- (4) A representative of the department of education;
- (5) A representative of the department of development services agency;
- (6) A representative of the department of children and youth;
- (7) A representative of the Ohio apartment owner's association;
- ~~(7)~~(8) A representative of the Ohio healthy homes network;
- ~~(8)~~(9) A representative of the Ohio environmental health association;
- ~~(9)~~(10) An Ohio representative of the American coatings association;
- ~~(10)~~(11) A representative from Ohio realtors;
- ~~(11)~~(12) A representative of the Ohio housing finance agency;
- ~~(12)~~(13) A physician knowledgeable in the field of lead poisoning prevention;
- ~~(13)~~(14) A representative of the public.

(B) The advisory council shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide the director with advice regarding the policies the child lead poisoning prevention program should emphasize, preferred methods of financing the program, and any other matter relevant to the program's operation;

(2) Submit a report of the state's activities to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives on or before the first day of March each year.

(C) The advisory council is not subject to sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.06. (A)(1) Any building that may be used as a place of resort, assembly, education, entertainment, lodging, dwelling, trade, manufacture, repair, storage, traffic, or occupancy by the public, any residential building, and all other buildings or parts and appurtenances of those buildings erected within this state, shall be so constructed, erected, equipped, and maintained that they shall be safe and sanitary for their intended use and occupancy.

(2) Nothing in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3781.40, and 3791.04 of the Revised Code shall be construed to limit the power of the division of

industrial compliance of the department of commerce to adopt rules of uniform application governing manufactured home parks pursuant to section 4781.26 of the Revised Code.

(B) Sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3781.40, and 3791.04 of the Revised Code do not apply to any of the following:

(1) Buildings or structures that are incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which the buildings or structures are located, provided those buildings or structures are not used in the business of retail trade. For purposes of this division, a building or structure is not considered used in the business of retail trade if fifty per cent or more of the gross income received from sales of products in the building or structure by the owner or operator is from sales of products produced or raised in a normal crop year on farms owned or operated by the seller.

(2) Existing single-family, two-family, and three-family detached dwelling houses for which applications have been submitted to the director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code for the purposes of operating type A family day-care homes as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) A mobile computing unit. As used in this division, "mobile computing unit" means an assembly that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Its purpose is to house and operate computers as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) Its exterior is integral to the protection or cooling, or both, of the computers housed within it.

(c) It is not attached to a permanent foundation.

(d) It is not accessible to the public.

(e) It is not designed for regular occupancy, but rather limited access for service and maintenance.

(f) It can be moved or transported as a single integrated unit.

(C) As used in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Agricultural purposes" include agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, apiculture, algaculture meaning the farming of algae, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, ornamental horticulture, olericulture, pomiculture, and animal and poultry husbandry.

(2) "Building" means any structure consisting of foundations, walls, columns, girders, beams, floors, and roof, or a combination of any number of these parts, with or without other parts or appurtenances.

(3) "Industrialized unit" means a building unit or assembly of closed construction fabricated in an off-site facility, that is substantially

self-sufficient as a unit or as part of a greater structure, and that requires transportation to the site of intended use. "Industrialized unit" includes units installed on the site as independent units, as part of a group of units, or incorporated with standard construction methods to form a completed structural entity. "Industrialized unit" does not include a manufactured home as defined by division (C)(4) of this section or a mobile home as defined by division (O) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Manufactured home" means a building unit or assembly of closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility and constructed in conformance with the federal construction and safety standards established by the secretary of housing and urban development pursuant to the "Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 700, 42 U.S.C.A. 5401, 5403, and that has a permanent label or tag affixed to it, as specified in 42 U.S.C.A. 5415, certifying compliance with all applicable federal construction and safety standards.

(5) "Permanent foundation" means permanent masonry, concrete, or a footing or foundation approved by the division of industrial compliance of the department of commerce pursuant to Chapter 4781. of the Revised Code, to which a manufactured or mobile home may be affixed.

(6) "Permanently sited manufactured home" means a manufactured home that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The structure is affixed to a permanent foundation and is connected to appropriate facilities;

(b) The structure, excluding any addition, has a width of at least twenty-two feet at one point, a length of at least twenty-two feet at one point, and a total living area, excluding garages, porches, or attachments, of at least nine hundred square feet;

(c) The structure has a minimum 3:12 residential roof pitch, conventional residential siding, and a six-inch minimum eave overhang, including appropriate guttering;

(d) The structure was manufactured after January 1, 1995;

(e) The structure is not located in a manufactured home park as defined by section 4781.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Safe," with respect to a building, means it is free from danger or hazard to the life, safety, health, or welfare of persons occupying or frequenting it, or of the public and from danger of settlement, movement, disintegration, or collapse, whether such danger arises from the methods or materials of its construction or from equipment installed therein, for the purpose of lighting, heating, the transmission or utilization of electric current, or from its location or otherwise.

(8) "Sanitary," with respect to a building, means it is free from danger or hazard to the health of persons occupying or frequenting it or to that of the public, if such danger arises from the method or materials of its construction or from any equipment installed therein, for the purpose of lighting, heating, ventilating, or plumbing.

(9) "Residential building" means a one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling house, and any accessory structure incidental to that dwelling house. "Residential building" includes a one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling house that is used as a model to promote the sale of a similar dwelling house. "Residential building" does not include an industrialized unit as defined by division (C)(3) of this section, a manufactured home as defined by division (C)(4) of this section, or a mobile home as defined by division (O) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Nonresidential building" means any building that is not a residential building or a manufactured or mobile home.

(11) "Accessory structure" means a structure that is attached to a residential building and serves the principal use of the residential building. "Accessory structure" includes, but is not limited to, a garage, porch, or screened-in patio.

Sec. 3781.10. (A)(1) The board of building standards shall formulate and adopt rules governing the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of all buildings or classes of buildings specified in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, including land area incidental to those buildings, the construction of industrialized units, the installation of equipment, and the standards or requirements for materials used in connection with those buildings. The board shall incorporate those rules into separate residential and nonresidential building codes. The standards shall relate to the conservation of energy and the safety and sanitation of those buildings.

(2) The rules governing nonresidential buildings are the lawful minimum requirements specified for those buildings and industrialized units, except that no rule other than as provided in division (C) of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code that specifies a higher requirement than is imposed by any section of the Revised Code is enforceable. The rules governing residential buildings are uniform requirements for residential buildings in any area with a building department certified to enforce the state residential building code. In no case shall any local code or regulation differ from the state residential building code unless that code or regulation addresses subject matter not addressed by the state residential building code or is adopted pursuant to section 3781.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) The rules adopted pursuant to this section are complete, lawful alternatives to any requirements specified for buildings or industrialized units in any section of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in division (I) of this section, the board shall, on its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, formulate, propose, adopt, modify, amend, or repeal the rules to the extent necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall report to the general assembly proposals for amendments to existing statutes relating to the purposes declared in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code that public health and safety and the development of the arts require and shall recommend any additional legislation to assist in carrying out fully, in statutory form, the purposes declared in that section. The board shall prepare and submit to the general assembly a summary report of the number, nature, and disposition of the petitions filed under sections 3781.13 and 3781.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) On its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, and after thorough testing and evaluation, the board shall determine by rule that any particular fixture, device, material, process of manufacture, manufactured unit or component, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction complies with performance standards adopted pursuant to section 3781.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall make its determination with regard to adaptability for safe and sanitary erection, use, or construction, to that described in any section of the Revised Code, wherever the use of a fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction described in that section of the Revised Code is permitted by law. The board shall amend or annul any rule or issue an authorization for the use of a new material or manufactured unit on any like application. No department, officer, board, or commission of the state other than the board of building standards or the board of building appeals shall permit the use of any fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, newly designed product, system, or method of construction at variance with what is described in any rule the board of building standards adopts or issues or that is authorized by any section of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring approval, by rule, of plans for an industrialized unit that conforms with the rules the board of building standards adopts pursuant to section 3781.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board shall recommend rules, codes, and standards to help carry out the purposes of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code and to help secure

uniformity of state administrative rulings and local legislation and administrative action to the bureau of workers' compensation, the director of commerce, any other department, officer, board, or commission of the state, and to legislative authorities and building departments of counties, townships, and municipal corporations, and shall recommend that they audit those recommended rules, codes, and standards by any appropriate action that they are allowed pursuant to law or the constitution.

(E)(1) The board shall certify municipal, township, and county building departments, the personnel of those building departments, persons described in division (E)(7) of this section, and employees of individuals, firms, the state, or corporations described in division (E)(7) of this section to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, and to make inspections, pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall certify departments, personnel, and persons to enforce the state residential building code, to enforce the nonresidential building code, or to enforce both the residential and the nonresidential building codes. Any department, personnel, or person may enforce only the type of building code for which certified.

(3) The board shall not require a building department, its personnel, or any persons that it employs to be certified for residential building code enforcement if that building department does not enforce the state residential building code. The board shall specify, in rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the requirements for certification for residential and nonresidential building code enforcement, which shall be consistent with this division. The requirements for residential and nonresidential certification may differ. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the satisfactory completion of an initial examination and, to remain certified, the completion of a specified number of hours of continuing building code education within each three-year period following the date of certification which shall be not less than thirty hours. The rules shall provide that continuing education credits and certification issued by the council of American building officials, national model code organizations, and agencies or entities the board recognizes are acceptable for purposes of this division. The rules shall specify requirements that are consistent with the provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to active duty military service and are compatible, to the extent possible, with requirements the council of American building officials and national model code organizations establish.

(4) The board shall establish and collect a certification and renewal fee for building department personnel, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, who are certified pursuant to this division.

(5) Any individual certified pursuant to this division shall complete the number of hours of continuing building code education that the board requires or, for failure to do so, forfeit certification.

(6) This division does not require or authorize the board to certify personnel of municipal, township, and county building departments, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, whose responsibilities do not include the exercise of enforcement authority, the approval of plans and specifications, or making inspections under the state residential and nonresidential building codes.

(7) Enforcement authority for approval of plans and specifications and enforcement authority for inspections may be exercised, and plans and specifications may be approved and inspections may be made on behalf of a municipal corporation, township, or county, by any of the following who the board of building standards certifies:

(a) Officers or employees of the municipal corporation, township, or county;

(b) Persons, or employees of persons, firms, or corporations, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services to the municipal corporation, township, or county;

(c) Officers or employees of, and persons under contract with, a municipal corporation, township, county, health district, or other political subdivision, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services;

(d) Officers or employees of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce pursuant to a contract authorized by division (B) of section 121.083 of the Revised Code.

(8) Municipal, township, and county building departments have jurisdiction within the meaning of sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code, only with respect to the types of buildings and subject matters for which they are certified under this section.

(9) A certified municipal, township, or county building department may exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code for a park district created pursuant to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code upon the approval, by resolution, of the board of park commissioners of the park district requesting the department to exercise that

authority and conduct those activities, as applicable.

(10) Certification shall be granted upon application by the municipal corporation, the board of township trustees, or the board of county commissioners and approval of that application by the board of building standards. The application shall set forth:

(a) Whether the certification is requested for residential or nonresidential buildings, or both;

(b) The number and qualifications of the staff composing the building department;

(c) The names, addresses, and qualifications of persons, firms, or corporations contracting to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7)(b) of this section;

(d) The names of any other municipal corporation, township, county, health district, or political subdivision under contract to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section;

(e) The proposed budget for the operation of the building department.

(11) The board of building standards shall adopt rules governing all of the following:

(a) The certification of building department personnel and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations exercising authority pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section. The rules shall disqualify any employee of the department or person who contracts for services with the department from performing services for the department when that employee or person would have to pass upon, inspect, or otherwise exercise authority over any labor, material, or equipment the employee or person furnishes for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or the preparation of working drawings or specifications for work within the jurisdictional area of the department. The department shall provide other similarly qualified personnel to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes as they pertain to that work.

(b) The minimum services to be provided by a certified building department.

(12) The board of building standards may revoke or suspend certification to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes, on petition to the board by any person affected by that enforcement or approval of plans, or by the board on its own motion. Hearings shall be held and appeals permitted on any proceedings for certification or revocation or suspension of certification in the same manner as provided in section 3781.101 of the Revised Code for other proceedings of the board of building standards.

(13) Upon certification, and until that authority is revoked, any county or township building department shall enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes for which it is certified without regard to limitation upon the authority of boards of county commissioners under Chapter 307. of the Revised Code or boards of township trustees under Chapter 505. of the Revised Code.

(14) The board shall certify a person to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, or to make inspections in this state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(a) The person holds a license or certificate in another state.

(b) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the certificate is required in this state in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(F) In addition to hearings sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code require, the board of building standards shall make investigations and tests, and require from other state departments, officers, boards, and commissions information the board considers necessary or desirable to assist it in the discharge of any duty or the exercise of any power mentioned in this section or in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(G) The board shall adopt rules and establish reasonable fees for the review of all applications submitted where the applicant applies for authority to use a new material, assembly, or product of a manufacturing process. The fee shall bear some reasonable relationship to the cost of the review or testing of the materials, assembly, or products and for the notification of approval or disapproval as provided in section 3781.12 of the Revised Code.

(H) The residential construction advisory committee shall provide the board with a proposal for a state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving a recommendation from the committee that is acceptable to the board, the board shall adopt rules establishing that code as the state residential building code.

(I)(1) The committee may provide the board with proposed rules to update or amend the state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (E) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the board receives a proposed rule to update or amend the state residential building code as provided in division (I)(1) of this section, the board either may accept or reject the proposed rule for incorporation into the residential building code. If the board does not act to either accept or reject the proposed rule within ninety days after receiving the proposed rule from the committee as described in division (I)(1) of this section, the proposed rule shall become part of the residential building code.

(J) The board shall cooperate with the director of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ when the director promulgates rules pursuant to section 5104.05 of the Revised Code regarding safety and sanitation in type A family day-care homes.

(K) The board shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3798.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrative safeguards," "physical safeguards," and "technical safeguards" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 164.304.

(B) "Covered entity," "disclosure," "health care provider," "health information," "individually identifiable health information," "protected health information," and "use" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 160.103.

(C) "Designated record set" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 164.501.

(D) "Direct exchange" means the activity of electronic transmission of health information through a direct connection between the electronic record systems of health care providers without the use of a health information exchange.

(E) "Health care component" and "hybrid entity" have the same meanings as in 45 C.F.R. 164.103.

(F) "Health information exchange" means any person or governmental entity that provides in this state a technical infrastructure to connect computer systems or other electronic devices used by covered entities to facilitate the secure transmission of health information. "Health information exchange" excludes health care providers engaged in direct exchange, including direct exchange through the use of a health information service provider.

(G) "HIPAA privacy rule" means the standards for privacy of individually identifiable health information in 45 C.F.R. part 160 and in 45 C.F.R. part 164, subparts A and E.

(H) "Interoperability" means the capacity of two or more information systems to exchange information in an accurate, effective, secure, and

consistent manner.

(I) "Minor" means an unemancipated person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically disabled person under twenty-one years of age who meets criteria specified in rules adopted by the medicaid director under section 3798.13 of the Revised Code.

(J) "More stringent" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 160.202.

(K) "Personal representative" means a person who has authority under applicable law to make decisions related to health care on behalf of an adult or emancipated minor, or the parent, legal guardian, or other person acting in loco parentis who is authorized under law to make health care decisions on behalf of an unemancipated minor. "Personal representative" does not include the parent or legal guardian of, or another person acting in loco parentis to, a minor who consents to the minor's own receipt of health care or a minor who makes medical decisions on the minor's own behalf pursuant to law, court approval, or because the minor's parent, legal guardian, or other person acting in loco parentis has assented to an agreement of confidentiality between the provider and the minor.

(L) "Political subdivision" means a municipal corporation, township, county, school district, or other body corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

(M) "State agency" means any one or more of the following:

- (1) The department of administrative services;
- (2) The department of aging;
- (3) The department of mental health and addiction services;
- (4) The department of developmental disabilities;
- (5) The department of education;
- (6) The department of health;
- (7) The department of insurance;
- (8) The department of job and family services;
- (9) The department of medicaid;
- (10) The department of rehabilitation and correction;
- (11) The department of youth services;
- (12) The department of children and youth;
- (13) The bureau of workers' compensation;
- ~~(13)~~(14) The opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency;
- ~~(14)~~(15) The office of the attorney general;
- ~~(15)~~(16) A health care licensing board created under Title XLVII of the

Revised Code that possesses individually identifiable health information.

Sec. 4112.12. (A) There is hereby created the commission on African-Americans, which shall consist of not more than ~~thirteen~~ fourteen

members as follows: the directors or their designees of the departments of health, development, mental health and addiction services, children and youth, and job and family services; the superintendent of public instruction; the chancellor of higher education or the chancellor's designee; two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives each of whom shall be members of different political parties; and two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate each of whom shall be members of different political parties. The members who are members of the general assembly shall be nonvoting members. The Ohio state university Bell national resource center, in consultation with the governor, shall appoint two members from the private corporate sector or the nonprofit sector, and one member with experience in the philanthropic community.

(B) Terms of office shall be for three years, except that members of the general assembly appointed to the commission shall be members only so long as they are members of the general assembly. Each term ends on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The commission annually shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

(C) Members of the commission and members of subcommittees appointed under division (B) of section 4112.13 of the Revised Code shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(D) The Ohio state university Bell national resource center, in consultation with the governor, shall appoint an executive director of the commission on African-Americans, who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The executive director shall supervise the commission's activities and report to the commission and to the Ohio state university Bell national resource center on the progress of those activities. The executive director shall do all things necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the commission.

The responsibilities assigned to the executive director do not relieve the members of the commission from final responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of this division.

(E) The commission on African-Americans shall do all of the following:

(1) Employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees, as needed, in connection with the performance of its duties under this section;

(2) Maintain its office at the Ohio state university Bell national resource center;

(3) Acquire facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to house the commission, its employees, and files and records under its control, and to discharge any duty imposed upon it by law. The expense of these acquisitions shall be audited and paid for in the same manner as other state expenses.

(4) Establish the overall policy and management of the commission in accordance with this chapter;

(5) Follow all state procurement requirements;

(6) Implement the policies and plans of the Ohio state university Bell national resource center as those policies and plans are formulated and adopted by the center;

(7) Report to the Ohio state university Bell national resource center on the progress of the commission on African-Americans in implementing the policies and plans of the center.

(F) The commission on African-Americans may:

(1) Hold sessions at any place within the state, except that the commission shall meet at least quarterly;

(2) Establish, change, or abolish positions, and assign and reassign duties and responsibilities of any employee of the commission as necessary to achieve the most efficient performance of its functions.

(G) The Ohio state university Bell national resource center shall establish the overall policy and management of the commission on African-Americans and shall direct, manage, and oversee the commission. The center shall develop overall policies and plans, and the commission shall implement those policies and plans. The commission, through its executive director, shall keep the center informed as to the activities of the commission in such manner and at such times as the center shall determine.

The Ohio state university Bell national resource center may prescribe duties and responsibilities of the commission in addition to those prescribed in section 4112.13 of the Revised Code.

(H) The Ohio state university Bell national resource center annually shall contract for a report on the status of African Americans in this state.

Issues to be evaluated in the report shall include the criminal justice system, education, employment, health care, and housing, and such other issues as the center may specify. The report shall include policy recommendations relating to the issues covered in the report.

Sec. 5101.09. (A) When the director of job and family services or the director of children and youth is authorized by the Revised Code to adopt a rule, the director shall adopt the rule in accordance with the following:

(1) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if any of the following apply:

(a) The rule concerns the administration or enforcement of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code;

(b) The rule concerns a program administered by the department of job and family services or the director of children and youth, unless the statute authorizing the rule requires that it be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code;

(c) The statute authorizing the rule requires that the rule be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) Section 111.15 of the Revised Code, excluding division (D) of that section, if either of the following apply:

(a) The rule concerns the day-to-day staff procedures and operations of the department or financial and operational matters between the department and another government entity or a private entity receiving a grant from the department, unless the statute authorizing the rule requires that it be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(b) The statute authorizing the rule requires that the rule be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code and, by the terms of division (D) of that section, division (D) of that section does not apply to the rule.

(3) Section 111.15 of the Revised Code, including division (D) of that section, if the statute authorizing the rule requires that the rule be adopted in accordance with that section and the rule is not exempt from the application of division (D) of that section.

(B) Except as otherwise required by the Revised Code, the adoption of a rule in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code does not make the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a county family services agency, or a local board subject to the notice, hearing, or other requirements of sections 119.06 to 119.13 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "local board" has the same meaning as in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.11. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Entity" includes an agency, board, commission, or department of

the state or a political subdivision of the state; a private, nonprofit entity; a school district; a private school; or a public or private institution of higher education.

(2) "Federal financial participation" means the federal government's share of expenditures made by an entity in implementing a program administered by the department of job and family services.

(B) At the request of any public entity having authority to implement a program administered by the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, or any private entity under contract with a public entity to implement a program administered by the applicable department, the applicable department may seek to obtain federal financial participation for costs incurred by the entity. Federal financial participation may be sought from programs operated pursuant to Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.; Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.; the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.; and any other statute or regulation under which federal financial participation may be available, except that federal financial participation may be sought only for expenditures made with funds for which federal financial participation is available under federal law.

(C) All funds collected by the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be distributed to the entities that incurred the costs, except for any amounts retained by the applicable department pursuant to division (D)(3) of this section.

(D) In distributing federal financial participation pursuant to this section, the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth may either enter into an agreement with the entity that is to receive the funds or distribute the funds in accordance with rules adopted under division (F) of this section. If ~~the department decides to enter into~~ an agreement to distribute the funds is entered into, the agreement may include terms that do any of the following:

(1) Provide for the whole or partial reimbursement of any cost incurred by the entity in implementing the program;

(2) In the event that federal financial participation is disallowed or otherwise unavailable for any expenditure, require the applicable department or the entity, whichever party caused the disallowance or unavailability of federal financial participation, to assume responsibility for the expenditures;

(3) Permit the applicable department to retain not more than five per cent of the amount of the federal financial participation to be distributed to the entity;

(4) Require the public entity to certify the availability of sufficient unencumbered funds to match the federal financial participation it receives under this section;

(5) Establish the length of the agreement, which may be for a fixed or a continuing period of time;

(6) Establish any other requirements determined by the applicable department to be necessary for the efficient administration of the agreement.

(E) An entity that receives federal financial participation pursuant to this section for a program aiding children and their families shall establish a process for collaborative planning with the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth for the use of the funds to improve and expand the program.

(F) The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth each shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section, including rules for the distribution of federal financial participation pursuant to this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ Each director may adopt or amend any statewide plan required by the federal government for a program administered by ~~the~~ that department, as necessary to implement this section.

(G) Federal financial participation received pursuant to this section shall not be included in any calculation made under section 5101.16 or 5101.161 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.111. The foundation grant fund is hereby created in the state treasury. Money the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth receives from private foundations in support of pilot projects that promote exemplary programs for enhancing the health, safety, and well-being of children and families shall be credited to the fund. The applicable department may expend the money on such projects, may use the money, to the extent allowable, to match federal funds in support of such projects, and shall comply with requirements the foundations have stipulated in their agreements with the applicable department as to the purposes for which the money may be expended.

Sec. 5101.12. The department of job and family services or department of children and youth may enter into contracts to maximize federal revenue without the expenditure of state money. In selecting private entities with which to contract, the applicable department shall engage in a request for proposals process. The applicable department, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may also directly enter into contracts with public entities providing revenue maximization services.

Sec. 5101.13. (A) The department of ~~job and family services~~ children

and youth shall establish and maintain a uniform statewide automated child welfare information system in accordance with the requirements of 42 U.S.C.A. 674(a)(3)(C) and related federal regulations and guidelines. The information system shall contain records regarding any of the following:

(1) Investigations of children and families, and children's care in out-of-home care, in accordance with sections 2151.421 and 5153.16 of the Revised Code;

(2) Care and treatment provided to children and families;

(3) Any other information related to children and families that state or federal law, regulation, or rule requires the department or a public children services agency to maintain.

(B) The department shall plan implementation of the information system on a county-by-county basis and shall finalize statewide implementation by all public children services agencies as described in section 5153.02 of the Revised Code not later than January 1, 2008.

(C) The department shall promptly notify all public children services agencies of the initiation and completion of statewide implementation of the statewide information system established under division (A) of this section.

(D) "Out-of-home care" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.132. (A) Information contained in the information system established and maintained under section 5101.13 of the Revised Code may be accessed or entered only as follows:

(1) The department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a public children services agency, a title IV-E agency, a prosecuting attorney, a private child placing agency, and a private noncustodial agency may access or enter the information when either of the following is the case:

(a) The access or entry is directly connected with assessment, investigation, or services regarding a child or family;

(b) The access or entry is permitted by state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

(2) A person may access or enter the information in a manner, to the extent, and for the purposes authorized by rules adopted by the department.

(B) As used in this section, "title IV-E agency" means a public children services agency or a public entity with which the department of job and family services or department of children and youth has a title IV-E subgrant agreement in effect.

Sec. 5101.134. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code that requires confidentiality of information that is contained in the uniform

statewide automated child welfare information system established in section 5101.13 of the Revised Code, the department of ~~job and family services~~ children and youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding a private child placing agency's or private noncustodial agency's access, data entry, and use of information in the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system.

(B)(1) The department of ~~job and family services~~ children and youth may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules, as necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 5101.13 to 5101.133 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to carry out the purposes of division (A)(2) of section 5101.132 of the Revised Code.

(C) Public children services agencies shall implement and use the information system established pursuant to section 5101.13 of the Revised Code in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

Sec. 5101.135. (A) A public children services employee who is entering a report of an investigation of child abuse in the statewide automated child welfare information system, as required by section 5101.13 of the Revised Code, shall make a notation on each case of child abuse that indicates whether the child abuse arose from an act that caused the child to suffer from, or resulted in the child suffering from, shaken baby syndrome.

(B) ~~Beginning March 1, 2009, and each~~ On the first day of March ~~thereafter of each year~~, the department of ~~job and family services~~ children and youth shall report to the director of health the number of reports of child abuse that arose from an act that caused the child to suffer from, or resulted in the child suffering from, shaken baby syndrome and that arose during the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the report is made, as determined by an examination of the statewide automated child welfare information system established and maintained under section 5101.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) As used in this section, "shaken baby syndrome" has the same meaning as in section ~~3701.63~~ 5180.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.14. (A) As used in this section and section 5101.144 of the Revised Code, "children services" means services provided to children pursuant to Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code.

(B) Within available funds, the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall distribute funds to the counties within thirty days after the beginning of each calendar quarter for a part of the counties' costs for children services.

Funds provided to the county under this section shall be deposited into the children services fund created pursuant to section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

(C) In each fiscal year, the amount of funds available for distribution under this section shall be allocated to counties as follows:

(1) If the amount is less than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive an amount equal to the percentage of the funding it received in the immediately preceding fiscal year, exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions imposed under this section;

(2) If the amount is equal to the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive an amount equal to the amount it received in the preceding fiscal year, exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions imposed under this section;

(3) If the amount is greater than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive the amount determined under division (C)(2) of this section as a base allocation, plus a percentage of the amount that exceeds the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The amount exceeding the amount initially appropriated in the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be allocated to the counties as follows:

(a) Twelve per cent divided equally among all counties;

(b) Forty-eight per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county under the age of eighteen bears to the total number of such persons residing in this state;

(c) Forty per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county with incomes under the federal poverty guideline bears to the total number of such persons in this state.

As used in division (C)(3)(c) of this section, "federal poverty guideline" means the poverty guideline as defined by the United States office of management and budget and revised by the United States secretary of health and human services in accordance with section 673 of the "Community Services Block Grant Act," 95 Stat. 511 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as amended.

(D) Within ninety days after the end of each state fiscal biennium, each county shall return any unspent funds to the department.

(E) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth may adopt the following rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code:

(1) Rules that are necessary for the allocation of funds under this

section;

(2) Rules prescribing reports on expenditures to be submitted by the counties as necessary for the implementation of this section.

Sec. 5101.141. (A) As used in sections 5101.141 to 5101.1417 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Adopted young adult" means a person:

(a) Who was in the temporary or permanent custody of a public children services agency;

(b) Who was adopted at the age of sixteen or seventeen and attained the age of sixteen before a Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement became effective;

(c) Who has attained the age of eighteen; and

(d) Who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one.

(2) "Child" means any of the following:

(a) A person who meets the requirements of division (B)(3) of section 5153.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) An adopted young adult;

(c) An emancipated young adult.

(3) "Emancipated young adult" means a person:

(a) Who was in the temporary or permanent custody of a public children services agency, a planned permanent living arrangement, or in the Title-IV-E-eligible care and placement responsibility of a juvenile court or other governmental agency that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services;

(b) Whose custody, arrangement, or care and placement was terminated on or after the person's eighteenth birthday; and

(c) Who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one.

(4) "Kinship guardianship young adult" means an individual that meets the following criteria:

(a) Was in the temporary or permanent custody of a public children services agency or a planned permanent living arrangement prior to the commitment described in division (A)(4)(b) of this section;

(b) Was committed to the legal custody or legal guardianship of a kinship caregiver at the age of sixteen or seventeen and attained the age of sixteen before a Title IV-E kinship guardianship assistance agreement became effective;

(c) Has attained the age of eighteen;

(d) Has not yet attained the age of twenty-one.

(5) "Relative" means, with respect to a child, any of the following who is eighteen years of age or older:

- (a) The following individuals related by blood or adoption to the child:
 - (i) Grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix "great," "great-great," or "great-great-great";
 - (ii) Siblings;
 - (iii) Aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand";
 - (iv) First cousins and first cousins once removed.
 - (b) Stepparents and stepsiblings of the child;
 - (c) Spouses and former spouses of individuals named in divisions (A)(5)(a) and (b) of this section;
 - (d) A legal guardian of the child;
 - (e) A legal custodian of the child;
 - (f) Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long-standing relationship or bond with the child or the family, which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties.
- (6) "Representative" means a person with whom the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth has entered into a contract, pursuant to division (B)(2)(b) of this section.
- (7) "Title IV-E" means Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C. 670 (1980), as amended.
- (B)(1) Except as provided in divisions (B)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall act as the single state agency to administer federal payments for foster care, kinship guardianship assistance, and adoption assistance made pursuant to Title IV-E. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules to implement this authority. Rules governing financial and administrative requirements applicable to public children services agencies and government entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules. Rules governing requirements applicable to private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies and rules establishing eligibility, program participation, and other requirements concerning Title IV-E shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A public children services agency to which the department distributes Title IV-E funds shall administer the funds in accordance with those rules.
- (2) If the state plan is amended under divisions (A) and (B) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, both of the following shall apply:
- (a) Implementation of the amendments to the plan shall begin fifteen months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st

general assembly, if both of the following apply:

(i) The plan as amended is approved by the secretary of health and human services;

(ii) The general assembly has appropriated sufficient funds to operate the program required under the plan as amended.

(b) The department shall have, exercise, and perform all new duties required under the plan as amended. In doing so, the department may contract with another person to carry out those new duties, to the extent permitted under Title IV-E.

(3) If the state plan is amended under division (C) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, both of the following apply:

(a) Implementation of the amendments to the plan shall begin fifteen months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 30, 2021, if both of the following apply:

(i) The plan as amended is approved by the secretary of health and human services.

(ii) The general assembly has appropriated sufficient funds to operate the program required under the plan as amended.

(b) The department shall perform all new duties required under the amended plan. In doing so, the department may contract with another person to carry out those new duties, to the extent permitted under Title IV-E.

(4) If the state plan is amended under section 5101.1416 of the Revised Code, and is approved by the secretary of health and human services, implementation of the amendments to the plan shall begin fifteen months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ September 30, 2021.

(C)(1) Except with regard to the new duties imposed on the department or its contractor under divisions (B)(2)(b) and (B)(3)(b) of this section that are not imposed on the county, the county, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E, shall make payments to cover the cost of providing all of the following:

(a) The child's food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, and school supplies;

(b) The child's personal incidentals;

(c) Reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation.

(2) In addition to payments made under division (C)(1) of this section, the county may, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E, make payments to cover the cost of providing the following:

(a) Liability insurance with respect to the child;

(b) If the county is participating in the demonstration project established

under division (A) of section 5101.142 of the Revised Code, services provided under the project.

(3) With respect to a child who is in a child-care institution, including any type of group home designed for the care of children or any privately operated program consisting of two or more certified foster homes operated by a common administrative unit, the foster care maintenance payments made by the county on behalf of the child shall include the reasonable cost of the administration and operation of the institution, group home, or program, as necessary to provide the items described in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section.

(D) To the extent that either foster care maintenance payments under division (C) of this section, Title IV-E kinship guardianship assistance, or Title IV-E adoption assistance payments for maintenance costs require the expenditure of county funds, the board of county commissioners shall report the nature and amount of each expenditure of county funds to the department.

(E) The department shall distribute to public children services agencies that incur and report expenditures of the type described in division (D) of this section federal financial participation received for administrative and training costs incurred in the operation of foster care maintenance, kinship guardianship assistance, and adoption assistance programs. The department may withhold not more than three per cent of the federal financial participation received. The funds withheld may be used only to fund the following:

(1) The Ohio child welfare training program established under section 5103.30 of the Revised Code;

(2) The university partnership program for college and university students majoring in social work who have committed to work for a public children services agency upon graduation;

(3) Efforts supporting organizational excellence, including voluntary activities to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization.

The funds withheld shall be in addition to any administration and training cost for which the department is reimbursed through its own cost allocation plan.

(F) All federal financial participation funds received by a county pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the county's children services fund created pursuant to section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

(G) The department shall periodically publish and distribute the maximum amounts that the department will reimburse public children

services agencies for making payments on behalf of children eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

(H) The department, by and through its director, is hereby authorized to develop, participate in the development of, negotiate, and enter into one or more interstate compacts on behalf of this state with agencies of any other states, for the provision of social services to children in relation to whom all of the following apply:

- (1) They have special needs.
- (2) This state or another state that is a party to the interstate compact is providing kinship guardianship assistance or adoption assistance on their behalf.
- (3) They move into this state from another state or move out of this state to another state.

Sec. 5101.142. (A) The department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a waiver of requirements established under Title IV-E, or regulations adopted thereunder, to conduct a demonstration project expanding eligibility for and services provided under Title IV-E. The department may enter into agreements with the secretary necessary to implement the demonstration project, including agreements establishing the terms and conditions of the waiver authorizing the project. If a demonstration project is to be established, the department shall do all of the following:

- (1) Have the director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the project. The rules shall be consistent with the agreements the department enters into with the secretary.
- (2) Enter into agreements with public children services agencies that the department selects for participation in the project. The department shall not select an agency that objects to participation or refuses to be bound by the terms and conditions of the project.
- (3) Contract with persons or governmental agencies providing services under the project;
- (4) Amend the state plan required by section 471 of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 671, as amended, as needed to implement the project;
- (5) Conduct ongoing evaluations of the project;
- (6) Perform other administrative and operational activities required by the agreement with the secretary.

(B) The department may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a waiver of the requirements established under Title IV-B of the "Social Security Act of 1967," 81 Stat. 821, 42 U.S.C.A. 620 or

regulations adopted thereunder and established under any other federal law or regulations that affect the children services functions prescribed by Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code, to conduct demonstration projects or otherwise improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the children services function.

Sec. 5101.145. (A) In adopting rules under section 5101.141 of the Revised Code regarding financial requirements applicable to public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, private noncustodial agencies, and government entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children, the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall establish both of the following:

- (1) A single form for the agencies or entities to report costs reimbursable under Title IV-E and costs reimbursable under medicaid;
- (2) Procedures to monitor cost reports submitted by the agencies or entities.

(B) The procedures established under division (A)(2) of this section shall be implemented not later than October 1, 2003. The procedures shall be used to do both of the following:

- (1) Determine which of the costs are reimbursable under Title IV-E;
- (2) Ensure that costs reimbursable under medicaid are excluded from determinations made under division (B)(1) of this section.

Sec. 5101.146. The department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall establish the following penalties, which shall be enforced at the discretion of the department, for the failure of a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or government entity that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children to comply with procedures the department establishes to ensure fiscal accountability:

(A) For initial failure, the department and the agency or entity involved shall jointly develop and implement a corrective action plan according to a specific schedule. If requested by the agency or entity involved, the department shall provide technical assistance to the agency or entity to ensure the fiscal accountability procedures and goals of the plan are met.

(B) For subsequent failures or failure to achieve the goals of the plan described in division (A) of this section, one of the following:

(1) For public children services agencies, the department may take any action permitted under division (C)(2), (4), (5), or (6) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) For private child placing agencies or private noncustodial agencies, cancellation of any Title IV-E allowability rates for the agency involved

pursuant to section 5101.141 of the Revised Code or revocation pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code of that agency's certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) For government entities, other than public children services agencies, that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children, cancellation of any Title IV-E allowability rates for the entity involved pursuant to section 5101.141 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.147. If a public children services agency fails to comply with the fiscal accountability procedures established by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, the department shall notify the board of county commissioners of the county served by the agency. If a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency fails to comply with the fiscal accountability procedures, the department shall notify the executive director of each public children services agency that has entered into a contract for services with the private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency.

Sec. 5101.148. If the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth sanctions a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency, it shall take every possible precaution to ensure that any foster children that have been placed by the agency under sanction are not unnecessarily removed from the certified foster homes in which they reside.

Sec. 5101.1410. In addition to the remedies available under sections 5101.146 and 5101.24 of the Revised Code, the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth may certify a claim to the attorney general under section 131.02 of the Revised Code for the attorney general to take action under that section against a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or government entity that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children if all of the following are the case:

(A) The agency or entity files a cost report with the department pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of section 5101.141 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department receives and distributes federal Title IV-E reimbursement funds based on the cost report.

(C) The agency's or entity's misstatement, misclassification, overstatement, understatement, or other inclusion or omission of any cost included in the cost report causes the United States department of health and human services to disallow all or part of the federal Title IV-E reimbursement funds the department received and distributed.

(D) The agency's or entity's misstatement, misclassification, overstatement, understatement, or other inclusion or omission of any cost included in the cost report is not the direct result of a written directive concerning the agency or entity's cost report that the department issued to the agency or entity.

Sec. 5101.1411. (A)(1) The director of job and family services shall, not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, submit an amendment to the state plan required by 42 U.S.C. 671 to the United States secretary of health and human services to implement 42 U.S.C. 675(8) to make federal payments for foster care under Title IV-E directly to, or on behalf of, any emancipated young adult who meets the following requirements:

(a) The emancipated young adult signs a voluntary participation agreement.

(b) The emancipated young adult satisfies division (D) of this section.

(2) Any emancipated young adult who meets the requirements of division (A)(1) of this section may apply for foster care payments and make the appropriate application at any time.

(B)(1) The director of job and family services shall, not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, submit an amendment to the state plan required by 42 U.S.C. 671 to the United States secretary of health and human services to implement 42 U.S.C. 675(8) to make federal payments for adoption assistance under Title IV-E available to any parent who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The parent adopted a person who is an adopted young adult and the parent entered into an adoption assistance agreement under 42 U.S.C. 673 while the adopted person was age sixteen or seventeen.

(b) The parent maintains parental responsibility for the adopted young adult.

(c) The adopted young adult satisfies division (D) of this section.

(2) Any parent who meets the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section that are applicable to a parent may request an extension of adoption assistance payments at any time before the adopted young adult reaches age twenty-one.

(3) An adopted young adult who is eligible to receive adoption assistance payments is not considered an emancipated young adult and is therefore not eligible to receive payment under division (A) of this section.

(C)(1) The director of job and family services shall, not later than nine months after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 30, 2021,

submit an amendment to the state plan required by 42 U.S.C. 671 to the United States secretary of health and human services to implement 42 U.S.C. 673(d) to provide kinship guardianship assistance under Title IV-E available to any relative who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Both of the following apply:

(i) A juvenile court issued an order granting legal custody of a person who is a kinship guardianship young adult to the relative, or a probate court issued an order granting guardianship of a person who is a kinship guardianship young adult to the relative, and the order is not a temporary court order.

(ii) The relative entered into a kinship guardianship assistance agreement under 42 U.S.C. 673(d) while the kinship guardianship young adult was age sixteen or seventeen.

(b) The relative maintains parental responsibility for the kinship guardianship young adult.

(c) The kinship guardianship young adult satisfies division (D) of this section.

(2) Any person who meets the requirements of division (C)(1) of this section may request an extension of kinship guardianship assistance at any time before the kinship guardianship young adult reaches age twenty-one.

(3) A kinship guardianship young adult who is eligible to receive kinship guardianship assistance is not considered an emancipated young adult and is therefore not eligible to receive assistance under division (A) of this section.

(D) In addition to other requirements, an adopted, kinship guardianship, or emancipated young adult must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) Is completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;

(2) Is enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;

(3) Is participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment;

(4) Is employed for at least eighty hours per month;

(5) Is incapable of doing any of the activities described in divisions (D)(1) to (4) of this section due to a physical or mental condition, which incapacity is supported by regularly updated information in the person's case record or plan.

(E) Any emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or any relative described in division

(C)(1) of this section who is receiving kinship guardianship assistance, or any parent receiving adoption assistance payments, may refuse the payments at any time.

(F)(1) An emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or any relative described in division (C)(1) of this section who is receiving kinship guardianship assistance and the kinship guardianship young adult, or a parent receiving adoption assistance payments and the adopted young adult shall be eligible for services set forth in the federal, "Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008," P.L. 110-351, 122 Stat. 3949.

(2) An emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of this section who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, pursuant to this section, may be eligible to reside in a supervised independent living setting, including apartment living, room and board arrangements, college or university dormitories, host homes, and shared roommate settings.

(G) Any determination by the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth that denies or terminates foster care assistance, kinship guardianship assistance, kinship support program payments, or adoption assistance payments shall be subject to a state hearing pursuant to section 5101.35 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.1412. (A) Without the approval of a court, an emancipated young adult who receives payments, or on whose behalf payments are received, under division (A) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, may enter into a voluntary participation agreement with the department of ~~job children and family services youth~~ children and family services youth, or its representative, for the emancipated young adult's care and placement. The agreement shall stay in effect until one of the following occurs:

(1) The emancipated young adult enrolled in the program notifies the department, or its representative, that they want to terminate the agreement.

(2) The emancipated young adult becomes ineligible for the program.

(B) In order to maintain Title IV-E eligibility for the emancipated young adult, both of the following apply:

(1) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of the voluntary participation agreement, the department or its representative must petition the court for, and obtain, a judicial determination that the emancipated young adult's best interest is served by continuing the care and placement with the department or its representative.

(2) Not later than twelve months after the effective date of the voluntary

participation agreement, and at least once every twelve months thereafter, the department or its representative must petition the court for, and obtain, a judicial determination that the department or its representative has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan to prepare the emancipated young adult for independence.

Sec. 5101.1413. Notwithstanding section 5101.141 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted thereunder, the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall pay the full nonfederal share of payments made pursuant to section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code. No public children services agency shall be responsible for the cost of any payments made pursuant to section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.1414. (A) ~~Not later than nine months after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly, the~~ The department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 5101.1411 to 5101.1413 of the Revised Code, including rules that do all of the following:

(1) Allow an emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or an adopted young adult whose adoptive parents are receiving adoption assistance payments, to maintain eligibility while transitioning into, or out of, qualified employment or educational activities;

(2) Require that a thirty-day notice of termination be given by the department to an emancipated young adult described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who is receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, or to a parent receiving adoption assistance payments for an adopted young adult described in division (B)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, who is determined to be ineligible for payments;

(3) Establish the scope of practice and training necessary for case managers and supervisors who care for emancipated young adults described in division (A)(1) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code who are receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such foster care payments are received, under section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall create an advisory council to evaluate and make recommendations for statewide implementation of sections 5101.1411 and 5101.1412 of the Revised Code ~~not later than one month after September 13, 2016, the effective date of H.B. 50 of the 131st general assembly.~~

Sec. 5101.1417. ~~Not later than nine months after the effective date of~~

~~this section, the~~ The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 5101.141, 5101.1411, and 5101.1416 of the Revised Code, and 42 U.S.C. 673(d) of the "Social Security Act," including rules that do all of the following:

(A) Allow a kinship guardianship young adult described in division (C) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code on whose behalf kinship guardianship assistance is received, to maintain eligibility while transitioning into, or out of, qualified employment or educational activities;

(B) Require that a thirty-day notice of termination be given by the department to a person receiving kinship guardianship assistance for a kinship guardianship young adult described in division (C) of section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code, who is determined to be ineligible for assistance.

Sec. 5101.1418. (A)(1) If, after a child's adoption is finalized, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ considers the child to be in need of public care or protective services, the department may, to the extent state funds are available for this purpose, enter into an agreement with the child's adoptive parent under which the department may make post adoption special services subsidy payments on behalf of the child as needed when both of the following apply:

(a) The child has a physical or developmental disability or mental or emotional condition that either:

(i) Existed before the adoption petition was filed; or

(ii) Developed after the adoption petition was filed and can be directly attributed to factors in the child's preadoption background, medical history, or biological family's background or medical history.

(b) The department determines the expenses necessitated by the child's disability or condition are beyond the adoptive parent's economic resources.

(2) Services for which the department may make post adoption special services subsidy payments on behalf of a child under this section shall include medical, surgical, psychiatric, psychological, and counseling services, including residential treatment.

(3) The department shall establish clinical standards to evaluate a child's physical or developmental disability or mental or emotional condition and assess the child's need for services.

(4) The total dollar value of post adoption special services subsidy payments made on a child's behalf shall not exceed ten thousand dollars in any fiscal year, unless the department determines that extraordinary circumstances exist that necessitate further funding of services for the child. Under such extraordinary circumstances, the value of the payments made on

the child's behalf shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any fiscal year.

(5) The adoptive parent or parents of a child who receives post adoption special services subsidy payments shall pay at least five per cent of the total cost of all services provided to the child; except that the department may waive this requirement if the gross annual income of the child's adoptive family is not more than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guideline.

(6) The department may use other sources of revenue to make post adoption special services subsidy payments, in addition to any state funds appropriated for that purpose.

(7) The department may contract with another person to carry out any of the duties described in this section.

(B) No payment shall be made on behalf of any person eighteen years of age or older beyond the end of the school year during which the person attains the age of eighteen or on behalf of a mentally or physically disabled person twenty-one years of age or older.

(C) The director of ~~job children and family services~~, youth, ~~not later than July 1, 2022~~, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary to implement this section. The rules shall establish all of the following:

(1) The application process for all forms of assistance provided under this section;

(2) Standards for determining the children who qualify to receive assistance provided under this section;

(3) The method of determining the amount, duration, and scope of services provided to a child;

(4) The method of transitioning the post adoption special services subsidy program from public children services agencies to the department;

(5) Any other rule, requirement, or procedure the department considers appropriate for the implementation of this section.

(D) The department shall implement this section not later than July 1, 2022.

Sec. 5101.15. Within available funds the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth may reimburse counties in accordance with this section for a portion of the salaries paid to child welfare workers employed under section 5153.12 of the Revised Code. No county with a population of eighty thousand or less, according to the latest census accepted by the department as official, shall be entitled to reimbursement on the salaries of more than two child welfare workers, and no county with a population of more than eighty thousand, according to such census, shall be entitled to

reimbursement on the salaries of more than two child welfare workers plus one additional child welfare worker for each one hundred thousand of population in excess of eighty thousand.

The maximum reimbursement to which a county may be entitled on any child welfare worker shall be as follows:

(A) Twenty-seven hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who is a graduate of an accredited high school, college, or university;

(B) Thirty-three hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who has one year or more of graduate training in social work or a field which the department finds to be related to social work;

(C) Thirty-nine hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who has completed two years of social work training.

The salary of the executive director, designated in accordance with section 5153.10 of the Revised Code, shall be subject to reimbursement under this section, provided that the executive director qualifies under division (A), (B), or (C) of this section. No funds shall be allocated under this section until the director of job children and family services youth has approved a plan of child welfare services for the county submitted by the public children services agency.

Sec. 5101.183. (A) The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth, in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules under which county family services agencies shall take action to recover the cost of the following benefits and services available under programs administered by the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth:

(1) Benefits or services provided to any of the following:

(a) Persons who were not eligible for the benefits or services but who secured the benefits or services through fraud or misrepresentation;

(b) Persons who were eligible for the benefits or services but who intentionally diverted the benefits or services to other persons who were not eligible for the benefits or services.

(2) Any benefits or services provided by a county family services agency for which recovery is required or permitted by federal law for the federal programs administered by the agency.

(B) A county family services agency may bring a civil action against a recipient of benefits or services to recover any costs described in division (A) of this section.

(C) A county family services agency shall retain any money it recovers under division (A) of this section and shall use the money to meet a family services duty, except that, if federal law requires the department of job and

family services or the department of children and youth to return any portion of the money so recovered to the federal government, the county family services agency shall pay that portion to the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth.

Sec. 5101.19. As used in sections 5101.19 to 5101.194 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Adopted child" means a person who is less than eighteen years of age when the person becomes subject to a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or when the adoption is recognized by this state under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Adoption" includes an adoption arranged by an attorney, a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency, an interstate adoption, or an international or foreign adoption.

(C) "Adoptive parent" means the person or persons who obtain parental rights and responsibilities over an adopted child pursuant to a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or an adoption recognized by this state under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Casework services" means services performed or arranged by a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public entity with whom the department of ~~job~~ children and family services youth has a Title IV-E subgrant agreement in effect, to manage the progress, provide supervision and protection of the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

(E) "Foster caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Qualified professional" means an individual that is, but not limited to, any one of the following:

- (1) Audiologist;
- (2) Orthopedist;
- (3) Physician;
- (4) Certified nurse practitioner;
- (5) Physician assistant;
- (6) Psychiatrist;
- (7) Psychologist;
- (8) School psychologist;
- (9) Licensed marriage and family therapist;
- (10) Speech and language pathologist;
- (11) Licensed independent social worker;
- (12) Licensed professional clinical counselor;

(13) Licensed social worker who is under the direct supervision of a licensed independent social worker;

(14) Licensed professional counselor who is under the direct supervision of a licensed professional clinical counselor.

(G) "Special needs" means any of the following:

(1) A developmental disability as defined in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities;

(3) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more body systems;

(4) Any mental or psychological disorder;

(5) A medical condition causing distress, pain, dysfunction, or social problems as diagnosed by a qualified professional that results in ongoing medical treatment.

Sec. 5101.191. (A) The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall establish and administer the Ohio adoption grant program in accordance with sections 5101.19 to 5101.194 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director shall provide one, but not both, of the following one-time payments for an adopted child to the child's adoptive parent if the requirements of division (A) of section 5101.192 of the Revised Code, but not division (B) of that section, are satisfied regarding the child:

(1) Ten thousand dollars;

(2) Fifteen thousand dollars, if the parent was a foster caregiver who cared for the child prior to adoption.

(C) The director shall provide a one-time payment for an adopted child of twenty thousand dollars to the child's adoptive parent if the requirements of divisions (A) and (B) of section 5101.192 of the Revised Code are satisfied regarding the child.

Sec. 5101.193. (A) The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall adopt rules to administer and implement the Ohio adoption grant program. The director, in consultation with the tax commissioner, shall also adopt rules authorizing the department to withhold and remit to the Internal Revenue Service federal income tax from grant payments under division (B) of section 5101.191 of the Revised Code, provided such withholding is authorized under federal law or approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

(B) No application fee shall be charged for the grant program.

(C) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director may require, as necessary to administer the Ohio adoption grant program, either or both of the following:

(1) The submission of any court or legal document necessary to prove a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or recognition of the adoption under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any department, agency, or division of the state, including the department of health, to provide any document related to the adoption.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained in a rule adopted under section 5101.193 of the Revised Code is not subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.194. Any document provided to the department of ~~job~~ children and family services youth under division (C) of section 5101.193 of the Revised Code remains a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code if it was a public record under that section before being provided to the department.

Sec. 5101.21. (A) As used in sections 5101.21 to 5101.212 of the Revised Code:

(1) "County grantee" means all of the following:

(a) A board of county commissioners;

(b) A county children services board appointed under section 5153.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) A county elected official that is a child support enforcement agency.

(2) "County subgrant" means a grant that a county grantee awards to another entity.

(3) "County subgrant agreement" means an agreement between a county grantee and another entity under which the county grantee awards the other entity one or more county subgrants.

(4) "Fiscal biennial period" means a two-year period beginning on the first day of July of an odd-numbered year and ending on the last day of June of the next odd-numbered year.

(5) "Grant" means an award for one or more family services duties of federal financial assistance that a federal agency provides in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, to the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth and that ~~the~~ either department awards to a county grantee. "Grant" may include state funds the department awards to a county grantee to match the federal financial assistance. "Grant" does not mean either of the following:

(a) Technical assistance that provides services instead of money;

(b) Other assistance provided in the form of revenue sharing, loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies, or insurance.

(6) "Grant agreement" means an agreement between the department of

job and family services or the department of children and youth and a county grantee under which ~~the either~~ department awards the county grantee one or more grants.

(B) ~~Effective July 1, 2008, the~~ The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may award grants to counties only through grant agreements entered into under this section.

(C) The ~~director~~ directors shall enter into one or more written grant agreements with the county grantees of each county. If a county has multiple county grantees, the director shall jointly enter into the grant agreement with all of the county grantees. ~~The initial grant agreement shall be entered into not later than January 31, 2008, and shall be in effect for fiscal year 2009.~~ Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, subsequent grant agreements shall be entered into before the first day of each successive fiscal biennial period and shall be in effect for that fiscal biennial period or, in the case of a grant agreement entered into after the first day of a fiscal biennial period and except as provided by section 5101.211 of the Revised Code, for the remainder of the fiscal biennial period. A grant agreement shall do all of the following:

(1) Comply with all of the conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to the family services duties for which the grants included in the agreement are awarded, including the conditions, requirements, and restrictions established by the department, federal or state law, state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, agreements between the ~~department~~ departments and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor;

(2) Establish terms and conditions governing the accountability for and use of the grants included in the grant agreement;

(3) Specify both of the following:

(a) The family services duties for which the grants included in the agreement are awarded;

(b) The private and government entities designated under section 307.981 of the Revised Code to serve as the county family services agencies performing the family services duties;

(4) Provide for the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth to award the grants included in the agreement in accordance with a methodology for determining the amount of the award established by rules adopted under this section;

(5) Specify the form of the grants which may be a cash draw, reimbursement, property, advance, working capital advance, or other forms specified in rules adopted under this section;

(6) Provide that the grants are subject to the availability of federal funds and appropriations made by the general assembly;

(7) Specify annual financial, administrative, or other incentive awards, if any, to be provided in accordance with section 5101.23 of the Revised Code;

(8) Include the assurance of each county grantee that the county grantee will do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that the grants included in the agreement are used, and the family services duties for which the grants are awarded are performed, in accordance with conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to the duties established by the ~~department~~ departments, a federal or state law, state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, agreements between the ~~department~~ departments and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor;

(b) Utilize a financial management system and other accountability mechanisms for the grants awarded under the agreement that meet requirements the ~~department establishes~~ departments establish;

(c) Do all of the following with regard to a county subgrant:

(i) Award the subgrant through a written county subgrant agreement that requires the entity awarded the county subgrant to comply with all conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to the county grantee regarding the grant that the county grantee subgrants to the entity, including the conditions, requirements, and restrictions of this section;

(ii) Monitor the entity that is awarded the subgrant to ensure that the entity uses the subgrant in accordance with conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to the family services duties for which the subgrant is awarded;

(iii) Take action to recover subgrants that are not used in accordance with the conditions, requirements, or restrictions applicable to the family services duties for which the subgrant is awarded.

(d) Promptly reimburse the ~~department~~ departments the amount that represents the amount the county grantee is responsible for, pursuant to action the ~~department takes~~ departments take under division (C) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code, of funds the ~~department pays~~ departments pay to any entity because of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(e) Take prompt corrective action, including paying amounts resulting from an adverse finding, sanction, or penalty, if the ~~department~~ departments, auditor of state, federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal or state

law to determine compliance with the conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to a family services duty for which a grant included in the agreement is awarded determines compliance has not been achieved;

(f) Ensure that any matching funds, regardless of the source, that the county grantee manages are clearly identified and used in accordance with federal and state laws and the agreement.

(9) Provide for the ~~department~~ departments taking action pursuant to division (C) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code if authorized by division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of that section;

(10) Provide for timely audits required by federal and state law and require prompt release of audit findings and prompt action to correct problems identified in an audit;

(11) Provide for administrative review procedures in accordance with section 5101.24 of the Revised Code;

(12) Establish the method of amending or terminating the agreement and an expedited process for correcting terms or conditions of the agreement that the ~~director~~ directors and each county grantee agree are erroneous.

(D) A grant agreement does not have to be amended for a county grantee to be required to comply with a new or amended condition, requirement, or restriction for a family services duty established by federal or state law, state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, agreement between the ~~department~~ departments and a federal agency, or executive order issued by the governor.

(E) The ~~department~~ departments shall make payments authorized by a grant agreement on vouchers ~~it prepares~~ they prepare and may include any funds appropriated or allocated to ~~it~~ them for carrying out family services duties for which a grant included in the agreement is awarded, including funds for personal services and maintenance.

(F)(1) The ~~director~~ directors shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code governing grant agreements. The ~~director~~ directors shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules. Before adopting the rules, the ~~director~~ directors shall give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rules. The rules shall establish methodologies to be used to determine the amount of the grants included in the agreements. The rules also shall establish terms and conditions under which an agreement may be entered into after the first day of a fiscal biennial period. The rules may do any or all of the following:

(a) Govern the award of grants included in grant agreements, including the establishment of, and restrictions on, the form of the grants and the distribution of the grants;

(b) Specify allowable uses of the grants included in the agreements;

(c) Establish reporting, cash management, audit, and other requirements the ~~director determines~~ directors determine are necessary to provide accountability for the use of the grants included in the agreements and determine compliance with conditions, requirements, and restrictions established by the ~~department~~ departments, a federal or state law, state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, agreements between the ~~department~~ departments and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor.

(2) A requirement of a grant agreement established by a rule adopted under this division is applicable to a grant agreement without having to be restated in the grant agreement. A requirement established by a grant agreement is applicable to the grant agreement without having to be restated in a rule.

Sec. 5101.214. The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may enter into a written agreement with one or more state agencies, as defined in section 117.01 of the Revised Code, and state universities and colleges to assist in the coordination, provision, or enhancement of the family services duties of a county family services agency or the workforce development activities of a local board, as defined in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code. The ~~director~~ directors also may enter into written agreements or contracts with, or issue grants to, private and government entities under which funds are provided for the enhancement or innovation of family services duties or workforce development activities on the state or local level.

The ~~director~~ directors may adopt internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.216. The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth, as applicable, may enter into one or more written operational agreements with boards of county commissioners to do one or more of the following regarding family services duties:

(A) Provide for the ~~director~~ directors to amend or rescind a rule the ~~director~~ directors previously adopted;

(B) Provide for the ~~director~~ directors to modify procedures or establish alternative procedures to accommodate special circumstances in a county;

(C) Provide for the ~~director~~ directors and board to jointly identify operational problems of mutual concern and develop a joint plan to address the problems;

(D) Establish a framework for the ~~director~~ directors and board to modify

the use of existing resources in a manner that is beneficial to the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, and the county that the board serves and improves family services duties for the recipients of the services.

Sec. 5101.22. The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, as applicable, may establish performance and other administrative standards for the administration and outcomes of family services duties and determine at intervals the ~~department decides~~ departments decide the degree to which a county family services agency complies with a performance or other administrative standard. The ~~department~~ departments may use statistical sampling, performance audits, case reviews, or other methods ~~it determines~~ they determine necessary and appropriate to determine compliance with performance and administrative standards.

Sec. 5101.221. (A) Except as provided by division (C) of this section, if the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth determines that a county family services agency has failed to comply with a performance or other administrative standard established under section 5101.22 of the Revised Code or by federal law for the administration or outcome of a family services duty, the department shall require the agency to develop, submit to the department for approval, and comply with a corrective action plan.

(B) If a county family services agency fails to develop, submit to the department, or comply with a corrective action plan under division (A) of this section, or the department disapproves the agency's corrective action plan, the department may require the agency to develop, submit to the department for approval, and comply with a corrective action plan that requires the agency to commit existing resources to the plan.

(C) The department may not require a county family services agency to take action under this section for failure to comply with a performance or other administrative standard established for an incentive awarded by the department. Instead, the department may require a county family services agency that fails to comply with that kind of performance or other administrative standard to take action in accordance with rules adopted by the department governing the standard.

(D) At the request of a county family services agency, the department shall assist the agency with the development of a corrective action plan under this section and provide the agency technical assistance in the implementation of the plan.

Sec. 5101.23. Subject to the availability of funds, the department of job

and family services and the department of children and youth may provide annual financial, administrative, or other incentive awards to county family services agencies and local areas as defined in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code. A county family services agency or local area may spend an incentive awarded under this section only for the purpose for which the funds are appropriated. The ~~department~~ departments may adopt internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to establish the amounts of awards, methodology for distributing the awards, types of awards, and standards for administration.

There is hereby created in the state treasury the social services incentive fund. The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may request that the director of budget and management transfer funds in the Title IV-A reserve fund created under section 5101.82 of the Revised Code and other funds appropriated for family services duties or workforce investment activities into the fund. If the director of budget and management determines that the funds identified by the director of job and family services or the director of children and youth are available and appropriate for transfer, the director of budget and management shall make the transfer. Money in the fund shall be used to provide incentive awards under this section.

Sec. 5101.24. (A) As used in this section, "responsible county grantee" means whichever county grantee, as defined in section 5101.21 of the Revised Code, the director of job and family services ~~determines~~ and the director of children and youth determine is appropriate to take action against under division (C) of this section.

(B) Regardless of whether a family services duty is performed by a county family services agency, private or government entity pursuant to a contract entered into under section 307.982 of the Revised Code or division (C)(2) of section 5153.16 of the Revised Code, or private or government provider of a family service duty, the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth may take action under division (C) of this section against the responsible county grantee if the department determines any of the following are the case:

(1) A requirement of a grant agreement entered into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code that includes a grant for the family services duty, including a requirement for grant agreements established by rules adopted under that section, is not complied with;

(2) A county family services agency fails to develop, submit to the department, or comply with a corrective action plan under division (B) of section 5101.221 of the Revised Code, or the department disapproves the

agency's corrective action plan developed under division (B) of section 5101.221 of the Revised Code;

(3) A requirement for the family services duty established by the department or any of the following is not complied with: a federal or state law, state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreement between the department and a federal agency, or executive order issued by the governor;

(4) The responsible county grantee is solely or partially responsible, as determined by the director of job and family services or the director of children and youth, for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty regarding the family services duty.

(C) The department may take one or more of the following actions against the responsible county grantee when authorized by division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section:

(1) Require the responsible county grantee to comply with a corrective action plan pursuant to a time schedule specified by the department. The corrective action plan shall be established or approved by the department and shall not require a county grantee to commit resources to the plan.

(2) Require the responsible county grantee to comply with a corrective action plan pursuant to a time schedule specified by the department. The corrective action plan shall be established or approved by the department and require a county grantee to commit to the plan existing resources identified by the agency.

(3) Require the responsible county grantee to do one of the following:

(a) Share with the department a final disallowance of federal financial participation or other sanction or penalty;

(b) Reimburse the department the final amount the department pays to the federal government or another entity that represents the amount the responsible county grantee is responsible for of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(c) Pay the federal government or another entity the final amount that represents the amount the responsible county grantee is responsible for of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(d) Pay the department the final amount that represents the amount the responsible county grantee is responsible for of an adverse audit finding or

adverse quality control finding.

(4) Impose an administrative sanction issued by the department against the responsible county grantee. A sanction may be increased if the department has previously taken action against the responsible entity under this division.

(5) Perform, or contract with a government or private entity for the entity to perform, the family services duty until the department is satisfied that the responsible county grantee ensures that the duty will be performed satisfactorily. If the department performs or contracts with an entity to perform a family services duty under division (C)(5) of this section, the department may do either or both of the following:

(a) Spend funds in the county treasury appropriated by the board of county commissioners for the duty;

(b) Withhold funds allocated or reimbursements due to the responsible county grantee for the duty and spend the funds for the duty.

(6) Request that the attorney general bring mandamus proceedings to compel the responsible county grantee to take or cease the action that causes division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section to apply. The attorney general shall bring mandamus proceedings in the Franklin county court of appeals at the department's request.

(7) If the department takes action under this division because of division (B)(3) of this section, temporarily withhold funds allocated or reimbursement due to the responsible county grantee until the department determines that the responsible county grantee is in compliance with the requirement. The department shall release the funds when the department determines that compliance has been achieved.

(D) If the department proposes to take action against the responsible county grantee under division (C) of this section, the department shall notify the responsible county grantee, director of the appropriate county family services agency, and county auditor. The notice shall be in writing and specify the action the department proposes to take. The department shall send the notice by regular United States mail.

Except as provided by division (E) of this section, the responsible county grantee may request an administrative review of a proposed action in accordance with administrative review procedures the department shall establish. The administrative review procedures shall comply with all of the following:

(1) A request for an administrative review shall state specifically all of the following:

(a) The proposed action specified in the notice from the department for

which the review is requested;

(b) The reason why the responsible county grantee believes the proposed action is inappropriate;

(c) All facts and legal arguments that the responsible county grantee wants the department to consider;

(d) The name of the person who will serve as the responsible county grantee's representative in the review.

(2) If the department's notice specifies more than one proposed action and the responsible county grantee does not specify all of the proposed actions in its request pursuant to division (D)(1)(a) of this section, the proposed actions not specified in the request shall not be subject to administrative review and the parts of the notice regarding those proposed actions shall be final and binding on the responsible county grantee.

(3) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(1) of this section, the responsible county grantee shall have fifteen calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible county grantee to send a written request to the department for an administrative review. If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(1) of this section for fifteen calendar days following the day it receives the request or extended period of time provided for in division (D)(5) of this section to allow a representative of the department and a representative of the responsible county grantee an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute during that fifteen-day or extended period.

(4) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(2), (3), (4), (5), or (7) of this section, the responsible county grantee shall have thirty calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible county grantee to send a written request to the department for an administrative review. If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(2), (3), (4), (5), or (7) of this section for thirty calendar days following the day it receives the request or extended period of time provided for in division (D)(5) of this section to allow a representative of the department and a representative of the responsible county grantee an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute during that thirty-day or extended period.

(5) If the informal opportunity provided in division (D)(3) or (4) of this section does not result in a written resolution to the dispute within the fifteen- or thirty-day period, the director of job and family services or the director of children and youth and representative of the responsible county grantee may enter into a written agreement extending the time period for

attempting an informal resolution of the dispute under division (D)(3) or (4) of this section.

(6) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(3) of this section, the responsible county grantee may not include in its request disputes over a finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or entity other than the department.

(7) If the responsible county grantee fails to request an administrative review within the required time, the responsible county grantee loses the right to request an administrative review of the proposed actions specified in the notice and the notice becomes final and binding on the responsible county grantee.

(8) If the informal opportunity provided in division (D)(3) or (4) of this section does not result in a written resolution to the dispute within the time provided by division (D)(3), (4), or (5) of this section, the director shall appoint an administrative review panel to conduct the administrative review. The review panel shall consist of department employees and one director or other representative of the type of county family services agency that is responsible for the kind of family services duty that is the subject of the dispute and serves a different county than the county served by the responsible county grantee. No individual involved in the department's proposal to take action against the responsible county grantee may serve on the review panel. The review panel shall review the responsible county grantee's request. The review panel may require that the department or responsible county grantee submit additional information and schedule and conduct an informal hearing to obtain testimony or additional evidence. A review of a proposal to take action under division (C)(3) of this section shall be limited solely to the issue of the amount the responsible county grantee shall share with the department, reimburse the department, or pay to the federal government, department, or other entity under division (C)(3) of this section. The review panel is not required to make a stenographic record of its hearing or other proceedings.

(9) After finishing an administrative review, an administrative review panel appointed under division (D)(8) of this section shall submit a written report to the director setting forth its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for action. The director may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendations. If the director modifies or disapproves the recommendations, the director shall state the reasons for the modification or disapproval and the actions to be taken against the responsible county grantee.

(10) The director's approval, modification, or disapproval under division (D)(9) of this section shall be final and binding on the responsible county grantee and shall not be subject to further departmental review.

(E) The responsible county grantee is not entitled to an administrative review under division (D) of this section for any of the following:

(1) An action taken under division (C)(6) of this section;

(2) An action taken under section 5101.242 of the Revised Code;

(3) An action taken under division (C)(3) of this section if the federal government, auditor of state, or entity other than the department has identified the responsible county grantee as being solely or partially responsible for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(4) An adjustment to an allocation, cash draw, advance, or reimbursement to a responsible county grantee that the department determines necessary for budgetary reasons;

(5) Withholding of a cash draw or reimbursement due to noncompliance with a reporting requirement established in rules adopted under section 5101.243 of the Revised Code;

(6) An action taken under division (C)(5) of this section if the department determines that an emergency exists.

(F) This section does not apply to other actions the department takes against the responsible county grantee pursuant to authority granted by another state law unless the other state law requires the department to take the action in accordance with this section.

(G) The director of job and family services and children and youth may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.243. The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code establishing reporting requirements for family services duties and workforce development activities. If the ~~director adopts~~ directors adopt the rules, the ~~director~~ directors shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules and, before adopting the rules, give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rules.

Sec. 5101.244. (A) If the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth determines that a grant awarded to a county grantee in a grant agreement entered into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code, an allocation, advance, or reimbursement the department makes to a county family services agency, or a cash draw a county family

services agency makes exceeds the allowable amount for the grant, allocation, advance, reimbursement, or cash draw, the department may take one or more of the following actions to recover the excess amount:

(1) The department may adjust, offset, withhold, or reduce an allocation, cash draw, advance, reimbursement, or other financial assistance to the county grantee or county family services agency as necessary to recover the excess amount.

(2) The department may enter into an agreement with the county grantee or county family services agency for repayment of the excess amount by the grantee or agency. The department may require that the repayment include interest on the excess amount, calculated from the day that the excess occurred at a rate not exceeding the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

(3) The department may certify a claim to the attorney general under section 131.02 of the Revised Code for the attorney general to take action under that section against the county grantee or county family services agency to recover the excess amount.

(B) In taking an action authorized under this section, the department is not required to take the action in accordance with section 5101.24 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may adopt rules under section 111.15 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section. The ~~director~~ directors shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules.

Sec. 5101.25. The department of ~~human~~ job and family services, and the department of children and youth in consultation with county representatives, shall develop annual training goals and model training curriculum for employees of county family services agencies and identify a variety of state funded training opportunities to meet the proposed goals.

Sec. 5101.26. As used in this section and in sections 5101.27 to 5101.30 of the Revised Code:

(A) "County agency" means a county department of job and family services or a public children services agency.

(B) "Fugitive felon" means an individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual is fleeing, for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual is fleeing or, in the case of New Jersey, a high misdemeanor, regardless of whether the individual has departed from the individual's usual place of residence.

(C) "Information" means records as defined in section 149.011 of the Revised Code, any other documents in any format, and data derived from records and documents that are generated, acquired, or maintained by the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a county agency, or an entity performing duties on behalf of the department or a county agency.

(D) "Law enforcement agency" means the state highway patrol, an agency that employs peace officers as defined in section 109.71 of the Revised Code, the adult parole authority, a county department of probation, a prosecuting attorney, the attorney general, similar agencies of other states, federal law enforcement agencies, and postal inspectors. "Law enforcement agency" includes the peace officers and other law enforcement officers employed by the agency.

(E) "Public assistance" means financial assistance or social services that are provided under a program administered by the department of job and family services or a county agency pursuant to Chapter 329., 5101., 5104., 5107., or 5108. of the Revised Code or an executive order issued under section 107.17 of the Revised Code. "Public assistance" does not mean medical assistance provided under a medical assistance program, as defined in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Public assistance recipient" means an applicant for or recipient or former recipient of public assistance.

(G) "Publicly funded child care" has the same meaning as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Tuberculosis control unit" means the county tuberculosis control unit designated by a board of county commissioners under section 339.72 of the Revised Code or the district tuberculosis control unit designated pursuant to an agreement entered into by two or more boards of community commissioners under that section.

Sec. 5101.27. (A) Except as permitted by this section, section 5101.273, 5101.28, or 5101.29 of the Revised Code, or rules adopted under section 5101.30 of the Revised Code, or when required by federal law, no person or government entity shall knowingly solicit, disclose, receive, use, permit the use of, or participate in the use of any information regarding a public assistance recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of a public assistance program.

(B) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, and county agencies shall do all of the following:

(1) Release information regarding a public assistance recipient for

purposes directly connected to the administration of the program to a government entity responsible for administering that public assistance program;

(2) Provide information regarding a public assistance recipient to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of any investigation, prosecution, or criminal or civil proceeding relating to the administration of that public assistance program;

(3) Provide, for purposes directly connected to the administration of a program that assists needy individuals with the costs of public utility services, information regarding a recipient of financial assistance provided under a program administered by the department or a county agency pursuant to Chapter 5107. or 5108. of the Revised Code to an entity administering the public utility services program.

(C)(1) To the extent permitted by federal law and subject to division (C)(2) of this section, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall release, for purposes directly connected to a public health investigation related to section 3301.531 or 5104.037 of the Revised Code, information regarding a public assistance recipient who receives publicly funded child care, so long as all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The department of health or the tuberculosis control unit has initiated a public health investigation related to section 3301.531 or 5104.037 of the Revised Code and has assessed the investigation as an emergency.

(b) The department of health or the tuberculosis control unit has notified the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ about the investigation and has requested that the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ release the information for purposes of the investigation.

(c) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ is unable to timely obtain voluntary, written authorization that complies with section 5101.272 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the conditions specified in division (C)(1) of this section are met, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall release to the department of health or the tuberculosis control unit the minimum information necessary to fulfill the needs of the department of health or tuberculosis control unit related to the public health investigation.

(3) If the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ releases information pursuant to division (C) of this section, it shall immediately notify the public assistance recipient.

(D) To the extent permitted by federal law and section 1347.08 of the Revised Code, the ~~department~~ departments and county agencies shall

provide access to information regarding a public assistance recipient to all of the following:

- (1) The recipient;
- (2) The authorized representative;
- (3) The legal guardian of the recipient;
- (4) The attorney of the recipient, if the attorney has written authorization that complies with section 5101.272 of the Revised Code from the recipient.

(E) To the extent permitted by federal law and subject to division (F) of this section, the ~~department~~ departments and county agencies may do both of the following:

- (1) Release information about a public assistance recipient if the recipient gives voluntary, written authorization that complies with section 5101.272 of the Revised Code;

(2) Release information regarding a public assistance recipient to a state, federal, or federally assisted program that provides cash or in-kind assistance or services directly to individuals based on need or for the purpose of protecting children to a government entity responsible for administering a children's protective services program.

(F) Except when the release is required by division (B), (C), or (D) of this section or is authorized by division (E)(2) of this section, the department or county agency shall release the information only in accordance with the authorization. The department or county agency shall provide, at no cost, a copy of each written authorization to the individual who signed it.

(G) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth may adopt rules defining "authorized representative" for purposes of division (D)(2) of this section.

Sec. 5101.29. When contained in a record held by the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, or a county agency, the following are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code:

(A) Names and other identifying information regarding children enrolled in or attending a child day-care center or home subject to licensure or registration under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(B) Names and other identifying information regarding children placed with an institution or association certified under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(C) Names and other identifying information regarding a person who makes an oral or written complaint regarding an institution, association, child day-care center, or home subject to licensure or registration to the

department or other state or county entity responsible for enforcing Chapter 5103. or 5104. of the Revised Code;

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section, names, documentation, and other identifying information regarding a foster caregiver or a prospective foster caregiver, including the foster caregiver application for certification under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code and the home study conducted pursuant to section 5103.0324 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1) of this section, the following are public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, when contained in a record held by the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a county agency, or other governmental entity:

(a) All of the following information regarding a currently certified foster caregiver who has had a foster care certificate revoked pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the Revised Code or, after receiving a current or current renewed certificate has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or indicted or otherwise charged with any offense described in division (C)(1) of section 2151.86 of the Revised Code:

- (i) The foster caregiver's name, date of birth, and county of residence;
- (ii) The date of the foster caregiver's certification;
- (iii) The date of each placement of a foster child into the foster caregiver's home;
- (iv) If applicable, the date of the removal of a foster child from the foster caregiver's home and the reason for the foster child's removal unless release of such information would be detrimental to the foster child or other children residing in the foster caregiver's home;

(v) If applicable, the date of the foster care certificate revocation and all documents related to the revocation unless otherwise not a public record pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(b) Nonidentifying foster care statistics including, but not limited to, the number of foster caregivers and foster care certificate revocations.

Sec. 5101.32. (A) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall work with the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to develop procedures and formats necessary to produce the notices described in division (D) of section 109.5721 of the Revised Code in a format that is acceptable for use by the applicable department. ~~The~~ Each department may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules, necessary for such collaboration.

(B) The department of job and family services and department of children and youth may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for utilizing the information received pursuant to section 109.5721 of the Revised Code, ~~with a final effective date that is not later than December 31, 2008.~~

Sec. 5101.35. (A) As used in this section:

(1)(a) "Agency" means the following entities that administer a family services program:

(i) The department of job and family services;

(ii) The department of children and youth;

(iii) A county department of job and family services;

~~(iii)~~(iv) A public children services agency;

~~(iv)~~(v) A private or government entity administering, in whole or in part, a family services program for or on behalf of the department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, or a county department of job and family services or public children services agency.

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical assistance programs, "agency" includes the department of medicaid.

(2) "Appellant" means an applicant, participant, former participant, recipient, or former recipient of a family services program who is entitled by federal or state law to a hearing regarding a decision or order of the agency that administers the program.

(3)(a) "Family services program" means all of the following:

(i) A Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Programs that provide assistance under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(iii) Programs that provide assistance under section 5101.141, 5101.461, 5101.54, 5119.41, 5153.163, or 5153.165 of the Revised Code;

(iv) Title XX social services provided under section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, other than such services provided by the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or a county board of developmental disabilities.

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical assistance programs, "family services program" includes medical assistance programs.

(4) "Medical assistance program" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided by divisions (G) and (H) of this section, an appellant who appeals under federal or state law a decision or order of an agency administering a family services program shall, at the appellant's request, be granted a state hearing by the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as appropriate. This state hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted under this section. The state hearing shall be recorded, but neither the recording nor a transcript of the recording shall be part of the official record of the proceeding. Except as provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, a state hearing decision is binding upon the agency and department, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the director of job and family services, director of children and youth, or a court of common pleas.

(C) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, an appellant who disagrees with a state hearing decision may make an administrative appeal to the director of job and family services or director of children and youth in accordance with rules adopted under this section. This administrative appeal does not require a hearing, but the director or the director's designee shall review the state hearing decision and previous administrative action and may affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the state hearing decision. An administrative appeal decision is the final decision of the department and, except as provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, is binding upon the department and agency, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common pleas.

(D) An agency shall comply with a decision issued pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section within the time limits established by rules adopted under this section. If a county department of job and family services or a public children services agency fails to comply within these time limits, the department may take action pursuant to section 5101.24 of the Revised Code. If another agency, other than the department of medicaid, fails to comply within the time limits, the department may force compliance by withholding funds due the agency or imposing another sanction established by rules adopted under this section.

(E) An appellant who disagrees with an administrative appeal decision of the director of job and family services, the director of children and youth, or ~~the either~~ director's designee issued under division (C) of this section may appeal from the decision to the court of common pleas pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code. The appeal shall be governed by section 119.12 of the Revised Code except that:

(1) The person may appeal to the court of common pleas of the county in which the person resides, or to the court of common pleas of Franklin county if the person does not reside in this state.

(2) The person may apply to the court for designation as an indigent and, if the court grants this application, the appellant shall not be required to furnish the costs of the appeal.

(3) The appellant shall mail the notice of appeal to the department of job and family services or director of children and youth, as appropriate, and file notice of appeal with the court within thirty days after the department mails the administrative appeal decision to the appellant. For good cause shown, the court may extend the time for mailing and filing notice of appeal, but such time shall not exceed six months from the date the department mails the administrative appeal decision. Filing notice of appeal with the court shall be the only act necessary to vest jurisdiction in the court.

(4) The department shall be required to file a transcript of the testimony of the state hearing with the court only if the court orders the department to file the transcript. The court shall make such an order only if it finds that the department and the appellant are unable to stipulate to the facts of the case and that the transcript is essential to a determination of the appeal. The department shall file the transcript not later than thirty days after the day such an order is issued.

(F) The department of job and family service and department of children and youth, as applicable, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules governing the following:

(1) State hearings under division (B) of this section. The rules shall include provisions regarding notice of eligibility termination and the opportunity of an appellant appealing a decision or order of a county department of job and family services to request a county conference with the county department before the state hearing is held.

(2) Administrative appeals under division (C) of this section;

(3) Time limits for complying with a decision issued under division (B) or (C) of this section;

(4) Sanctions that may be applied against an agency under division (D) of this section.

(G) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, as applicable, may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing an appeals process for an appellant who appeals a decision or order regarding a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 5101.80 of

the Revised Code that is different from the appeals process established by this section. The different appeals process may include having a state agency that administers the Title IV-A program pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code administer the appeals process.

(H) If an appellant receiving medicaid through a health insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code is appealing a denial of medicaid services based on lack of medical necessity or other clinical issues regarding coverage by the health insuring corporation, the person hearing the appeal may order an independent medical review if that person determines that a review is necessary. The review shall be performed by a health care professional with appropriate clinical expertise in treating the recipient's condition or disease. The department shall pay the costs associated with the review.

A review ordered under this division shall be part of the record of the hearing and shall be given appropriate evidentiary consideration by the person hearing the appeal.

(I) The requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code apply to a state hearing or administrative appeal under this section only to the extent, if any, specifically provided by rules adopted under this section.

Sec. 5101.37. (A) The department of job and family services or the department of children and youth and each county department of job and family services and child support enforcement agency may conduct any audits or investigations that are necessary in the performance of their duties, and to that end they shall have the same power as a judge of a county court to administer oaths and to enforce the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books or papers.

The applicable department and each county department and agency shall keep a record of their audits and investigations stating the time, place, charges, or subject; witnesses summoned and examined; and their conclusions.

Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.

(B) In conducting hearings pursuant to Chapters 3119., 3121., and 3123. or pursuant to division (B) of section 5101.35 of the Revised Code, the applicable department and each child support enforcement agency have the same power as a judge of a county court to administer oaths and to enforce the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books or papers. The applicable department and each agency shall keep a record of those hearings stating the time, place, charges, or subject; witnesses

summoned and examined; and their conclusions.

The issuance of a subpoena by the applicable department or a child support enforcement agency to enforce attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books or papers at a hearing is discretionary and the applicable department or agency is not required to pay the fees of witnesses for attendance and travel.

(C) Any judge of any division of the court of common pleas, upon application of the applicable department or a county department or child support enforcement agency, may compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books or papers, and the giving of testimony before the applicable department, county department, or agency, by a judgment for contempt or otherwise, in the same manner as in cases before those courts.

(D) Until an audit report is formally released by the applicable department of ~~job and family services~~, the audit report or any working paper or other document or record prepared by the applicable department and related to the audit that is the subject of the audit report is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(E) The director of job and family services or director of children and youth may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code as if they were internal management rules.

Sec. 5101.46. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C.A. 1397, as amended.

(2) "Respective local agency" means, with respect to the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, a county department of job and family services; with respect to the department of mental health and addiction services, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; and with respect to the department of developmental disabilities, a county board of developmental disabilities.

(3) "Federal poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines as revised annually by the United States department of health and human services in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(B) The departments of job and family services, children and youth, mental health, and developmental disabilities, with their respective local agencies, shall administer the provision of social services funded through grants made under Title XX. The social services furnished with Title XX

funds shall be directed at the following goals:

(1) Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;

(2) Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency;

(3) Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families;

(4) Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care;

(5) Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.

(C)(1) All federal funds received under Title XX shall be appropriated as follows:

(a) Seventy-two and one-half per cent to the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth;

(b) Twelve and ninety-three one-hundredths per cent to the department of mental health and addiction services;

(c) Fourteen and fifty-seven one-hundredths per cent to the department of developmental disabilities.

(2) Each of the state departments shall, subject to the approval of the controlling board, develop a formula for the distribution of the Title XX funds appropriated to the department to its respective local agencies. The formula developed by each state department shall take into account all of the following for each of its respective local agencies:

(a) The total population of the area that is served by the respective local agency;

(b) The percentage of the population in the area served that falls below the federal poverty guidelines;

(c) The respective local agency's history of and ability to utilize Title XX funds.

(3) Each of the state departments shall expend for state administrative costs not more than three per cent of the Title XX funds appropriated to the department.

Each state department shall establish for each of its respective local agencies the maximum percentage of the Title XX funds distributed to the respective local agency that the respective local agency may expend for local administrative costs. The percentage shall be established by rule and

shall comply with federal law governing the use of Title XX funds. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code as if they were internal management rules.

(4) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, as applicable, shall expend for the training of the following not more than two per cent of the Title XX funds appropriated to the department:

- (a) Employees of county departments of job and family services;
- (b) Providers of services under contract with the state departments' respective local agencies;
- (c) Employees of a public children services agency directly engaged in providing Title XX services.

(5) Title XX funds distributed for the purpose of providing family planning services shall be distributed by the respective local agencies according to the same order of priority that applies to the department of job and family services under section 5101.101 of the Revised Code.

(D) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall prepare an annual comprehensive Title XX social services plan on the intended use of Title XX funds. The ~~department~~ departments shall develop a method for obtaining public comment during the development of the plan and following its completion.

For each federal fiscal year, the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall prepare a report on the actual use of Title XX funds. The department shall make the annual report available for public inspection.

The departments of mental health and addiction services and developmental disabilities shall prepare and submit to the department of job and family services the portions of each annual plan and report that apply to services for mental health and developmental disabilities. Each respective local agency of the three state departments shall submit information as necessary for the preparation of annual plans and reports.

(E) Each county department of job and family services shall adopt a county profile for the administration and provision of Title XX social services in the county. In developing its county profile, the county department shall take into consideration the comments and recommendations received from the public by the county family services planning committee pursuant to section 329.06 of the Revised Code. As part of its preparation of the county profile, the county department may prepare a local needs report analyzing the need for Title XX social services.

The county department shall submit the county profile to the board of

county commissioners for its review. Once the county profile has been approved by the board, the county department shall file a copy of the county profile with the department of job and family services. The department shall approve the county profile if the department determines the profile provides for the Title XX social services to meet the goals specified in division (B) of this section.

(F) Any of the three state departments and their respective local agencies may require that an entity under contract to provide social services with Title XX funds submit to an audit on the basis of alleged misuse or improper accounting of funds. If an audit is required, the social services provider shall reimburse the state department or respective local agency for the cost it incurred in conducting the audit or having the audit conducted.

If an audit demonstrates that a social services provider is responsible for one or more adverse findings, the provider shall reimburse the appropriate state department or its respective local agency the amount of the adverse findings. The amount shall not be reimbursed with Title XX funds received under this section. The three state departments and their respective local agencies may terminate or refuse to enter into a Title XX contract with a social services provider if there are adverse findings in an audit that are the responsibility of the provider.

(G) Except with respect to the matters for which each of the state departments must adopt rules under division (C)(3) of this section, the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth may adopt any rules ~~it considers~~ they consider necessary to implement and carry out the purposes of this section. Rules governing financial and operational matters of the ~~department~~ departments or matters between the ~~department~~ departments and county departments of job and family services shall be adopted as internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code. Rules governing eligibility for services, program participation, and other matters pertaining to applicants and participants shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.47. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, both of the following apply to the department of job and family services:

(1) The department shall accept applications, determine eligibility, redetermine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for the supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the department pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code.

The department may assign the duties described in division (A)(1) of

this section to any county department of job and family services.

(2) The department may accept applications, determine eligibility, redetermine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for ~~one or more~~ either of the following:

~~(a) Publicly funded child care provided under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) Other programs~~ Programs administered by the department that the director of job and family services determines are supportive of children, adults, or families;

~~(c)~~ (b) Other programs administered by the department regarding which the director determines administrative cost savings and efficiency may be achieved through the department accepting applications, determining eligibility, redetermining eligibility, or performing related administrative activities.

(B) If federal law requires a face-to-face interview to complete an eligibility determination for a program specified in or pursuant to division (A) of this section, the face-to-face interview shall not be conducted by the department of job and family services.

(C) Subject to division (B) of this section, if the department is required or elects to accept applications, determine eligibility, redetermine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for a program specified in or pursuant to division (A) of this section, both of the following apply:

(1) An individual seeking services under the program may apply for the program to the department or to the entity that state law governing the program authorizes to accept applications for the program.

(2) The department is subject to federal statutes and regulations and state statutes and rules that require, permit, or prohibit an action regarding accepting applications, determining or redetermining eligibility, and performing related administrative activities for the program.

~~(D)~~ (1) The department of children and youth may accept applications, determine eligibility, redetermine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for publicly funded child care provided under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

(2) If the department elects to accept applications, determine eligibility, redetermine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for publicly funded child care, both of the following apply:

(a) An individual seeking publicly funded child care may apply to the department or to the entity that state law governing the program authorizes to accept applications for publicly funded child care.

(b) The department is subject to federal statutes and regulations and

state statutes and rules that require, permit, or prohibit an action regarding accepting applications, determining or redetermining eligibility, and performing related administrative activities for publicly funded childcare.

(E) The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.76. (A) A residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may procure epinephrine autoinjectors for use in emergency situations identified under division (C)(5) of this section by doing one of the following:

(1) Having a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, acting in accordance with section 4723.483, 4730.433, or 4731.96 of the Revised Code, personally furnish the epinephrine autoinjectors to the camp or issue a prescription for them in the name of the camp;

(2) Obtaining a prescriber-issued protocol that includes definitive orders for epinephrine autoinjectors and the dosages of epinephrine to be administered through them.

A camp that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors under this section is encouraged to maintain at least two epinephrine autoinjectors at all times.

(B) A camp that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors under this section shall adopt a policy governing their maintenance and use. Before adopting the policy, the camp shall consult with a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(C) The policy adopted under division (B) of this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify the one or more locations in which an epinephrine autoinjector must be stored;

(2) Specify the conditions under which an epinephrine autoinjector must be stored, replaced, and disposed;

(3) Specify the individuals employed by or under contract with the camp who may access and use an epinephrine autoinjector to provide a dosage of epinephrine to an individual in an emergency situation identified under division (C)(5) of this section;

(4) Specify any training that employees or contractors specified under division (C)(3) of this section must complete before being authorized to

access and use an epinephrine autoinjector;

(5) Identify the emergency situations, including when an individual exhibits signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, in which employees or contractors specified under division (C)(3) of this section may access and use an epinephrine autoinjector;

(6) Specify that assistance from an emergency medical service provider must be requested immediately after an epinephrine autoinjector is used;

(7) Specify the individuals to whom a dosage of epinephrine may be administered through an epinephrine autoinjector in an emergency situation specified under division (C)(5) of this section.

(D)(1) The following are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an epinephrine autoinjector under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct:

(a) A camp;

(b) A camp employee or contractor;

(c) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes or prescribes epinephrine autoinjectors, provides a consultation, or issues a protocol pursuant to this section.

(2) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a camp or camp employee or contractor or licensed health professional may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(E) A camp may accept donations of epinephrine autoinjectors from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase epinephrine autoinjectors.

(F) A camp that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors under this section shall report to the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth each procurement and occurrence in which an epinephrine autoinjector is used from a camp's supply of epinephrine autoinjectors.

(G) As used in this section, "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescriber" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.77. (A) As used in this section, "inhaler" means a device that delivers medication to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, is manufactured in the form of a metered dose inhaler or dry powdered inhaler, and may include a spacer, holding chamber, or other device that attaches to the inhaler and is used to improve the delivery of the medication.

(B) A residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may procure inhalers for use in emergency situations identified under division (D)(5) of this section. A camp that elects to procure inhalers under this section is encouraged to maintain at least two inhalers at all times.

(C) A camp that elects to procure inhalers under this section shall adopt a policy governing their maintenance and use. Before adopting the policy, the camp shall consult with a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) A component of a policy adopted by a camp under division (C) of this section shall be a prescriber-issued protocol specifying definitive orders for inhalers, including the dosages of medication to be administered through them, the number of times that each inhaler may be used before disposal, and the methods of disposal. The policy also shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify the one or more locations in which an inhaler must be stored;

(2) Specify the conditions under which an inhaler must be stored, replaced, and disposed;

(3) Specify the individuals employed by or under contract with the camp who may access and use an inhaler to provide a dosage of medication to an individual in an emergency situation identified under division (D)(5) of this section;

(4) Specify any training that employees or contractors specified under division (D)(3) of this section must complete before being authorized to access and use an inhaler;

(5) Identify the emergency situations, including when an individual exhibits signs and symptoms of asthma, in which employees or contractors specified under division (D)(3) of this section may access and use an inhaler;

(6) Specify that assistance from an emergency medical service provider must be requested immediately after an employee or contractor, other than a licensed health professional, uses an inhaler;

(7) Specify the individuals to whom a dosage of medication may be administered through an inhaler in an emergency situation specified under division (D)(5) of this section.

(E) A camp or camp employee or contractor is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an inhaler under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a camp or camp employee or contractor may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(F) A camp may accept donations of inhalers from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase inhalers.

(G) A camp that elects to procure inhalers under this section shall report to the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth each procurement and occurrence in which an inhaler is used from a camp's supply of inhalers.

Sec. 5101.78. (A) As used in this section, "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescriber" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may procure injectable or nasally administered glucagon for use in emergency situations identified under division (D)(5) of this section by doing one of the following:

(1) Having a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, acting in accordance with section 4723.4811, 4730.437, or 4731.92 of the Revised Code, personally furnish the injectable or nasally administered glucagon to the camp or issue a prescription for the drug in the name of the camp;

(2) Obtaining a prescriber-issued protocol that includes definitive orders for injectable or nasally administered glucagon and the dosages to be administered;

A camp that elects to procure injectable or nasally administered glucagon under this section is encouraged to maintain at least two doses of the drug at all times.

(C) A camp that elects to procure injectable or nasally administered glucagon under this section shall adopt a policy governing maintenance and use of the drug. Before adopting the policy, the camp shall consult with a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(D) The policy adopted under division (C) of this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify the one or more locations at the camp in which injectable or nasally administered glucagon must be stored;

(2) Specify the conditions under which injectable or nasally administered glucagon must be stored, replaced, or disposed;

(3) Specify the individuals employed by or under contract with the camp, or who volunteer at the camp, who may access and use injectable or nasally administered glucagon in an emergency situation identified under division (D)(5) of this section;

(4) Specify any training that employees, contractors, or volunteers specified under division (D)(3) of this section must complete before being authorized to access and use injectable or nasally administered glucagon;

(5) Identify the emergency situations, including when an individual exhibits signs and symptoms of severe hypoglycemia, in which employees, contractors, or volunteers specified under division (D)(3) of this section may access and use injectable or nasally administered glucagon;

(6) Specify that assistance from an emergency medical service provider must be requested immediately after a dose of glucagon is administered;

(7) Specify the individuals to whom a dose of glucagon may be administered in an emergency situation specified under division (D)(5) of this section.

(E)(1) The following are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using injectable or nasally administered glucagon under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct:

(a) A camp;

(b) A camp employee, contractor, or volunteer;

(c) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes or prescribes injectable or nasally administered glucagon, provides a consultation, or issues a protocol pursuant to this section;

(2) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a camp; camp employee, contractor, or volunteer; or licensed health professional may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other

provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(F) A camp may accept donations of injectable or nasally administered glucagon from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase the drug.

(G) A camp that elects to procure injectable or nasally administered glucagon under this section shall report to the department of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ each procurement and each occurrence in which a dose of the drug is used from the camp's supply.

Sec. 5101.80. (A) As used in this section and in section 5101.801 of the Revised Code:

(1) "County family services agency" has the same meaning as in section 307.981 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 9.82 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Title IV-A administrative agency" means both of the following:

(a) A county family services agency or state agency administering a Title IV-A program under the supervision of the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth;

(b) A government agency or private, not-for-profit entity administering a project funded in whole or in part with funds provided under the Title IV-A demonstration program created under section 5101.803 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Title IV-A program" means all of the following that are funded in part with funds provided under the temporary assistance for needy families block grant established by Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended:

(a) The Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

(b) The prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code;

(c) A program established by the general assembly or an executive order issued by the governor that is administered or supervised by the department of job and family services or department of children and youth pursuant to section 5101.801 of the Revised Code;

(d) The kinship permanency incentive program created under section 5101.802 of the Revised Code;

(e) The Title IV-A demonstration program created under section 5101.803 of the Revised Code;

(f) The Ohio parenting and pregnancy program created under section

5101.804 of the Revised Code;

(g) A component of a Title IV-A program identified under divisions (A)(4)(a) to (f) of this section that the Title IV-A state plan prepared under division (C)(1) of this section identifies as a component.

(B) The department of job and family services shall act as the single state agency to administer and supervise the administration of Title IV-A programs. The Title IV-A state plan and amendments to the plan prepared under division (C) of this section are binding on Title IV-A administrative agencies. No Title IV-A administrative agency may establish, by rule or otherwise, a policy governing a Title IV-A program that is inconsistent with a Title IV-A program policy established, in rule or otherwise, by the director of job and family services.

(C) The department of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare and submit to the United States secretary of health and human services a Title IV-A state plan for Title IV-A programs;

(2) Prepare and submit to the United States secretary of health and human services amendments to the Title IV-A state plan that the department determines necessary, including amendments necessary to implement Title IV-A programs identified in divisions (A)(4)(c) to (g) of this section;

(3) Prescribe forms for applications, certificates, reports, records, and accounts of Title IV-A administrative agencies, and other matters related to Title IV-A programs;

(4) Make such reports, in such form and containing such information as the department may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports, regarding Title IV-A programs;

(5) Require reports and information from each Title IV-A administrative agency as may be necessary or advisable regarding a Title IV-A program;

(6) Afford a fair hearing in accordance with section 5101.35 of the Revised Code to any applicant for, or participant or former participant of, a Title IV-A program aggrieved by a decision regarding the program;

(7) Administer and expend, pursuant to Chapters 5104., 5107., and 5108. of the Revised Code and sections 5101.801, 5101.802, 5101.803, and 5101.804 of the Revised Code, any sums appropriated by the general assembly for the purpose of those chapters and sections and all sums paid to the state by the secretary of the treasury of the United States as authorized by Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended;

(8) Conduct investigations and audits as are necessary regarding Title IV-A programs;

(9) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states relative to the provision of Ohio works first and prevention, retention, and contingency to residents and nonresidents;

(10) Contract with a private entity to conduct an independent on-going evaluation of the Ohio works first program and the prevention, retention, and contingency program. The contract must require the private entity to do all of the following:

(a) Examine issues of process, practice, impact, and outcomes;

(b) Study former participants of Ohio works first who have not participated in Ohio works first for at least one year to determine whether they are employed, the type of employment in which they are engaged, the amount of compensation they are receiving, whether their employer provides health insurance, whether and how often they have received benefits or services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program, and whether they are successfully self sufficient;

(c) Provide the department with reports at times the department specifies.

(11) Not later than the last day of each January and July, prepare a report containing information on the following:

(a) Individuals exhausting the time limits for participation in Ohio works first set forth in section 5107.18 of the Revised Code.

(b) Individuals who have been exempted from the time limits set forth in section 5107.18 of the Revised Code and the reasons for the exemption.

(D) The department shall provide copies of the reports it receives under division (C)(10) of this section and prepares under division (C)(11) of this section to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives. The department shall provide copies of the reports to any private or government entity on request.

(E) An authorized representative of the department or a county family services agency or state agency administering a Title IV-A program shall have access to all records and information bearing thereon for the purposes of investigations conducted pursuant to this section. An authorized representative of a government entity or private, not-for-profit entity administering a project funded in whole or in part with funds provided under the Title IV-A demonstration program shall have access to all records and information bearing on the project for the purpose of investigations conducted pursuant to this section.

Sec. 5101.801. (A) Except as otherwise provided by the law enacted by the general assembly or executive order issued by the governor establishing

the Title IV-A program, a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code shall provide benefits and services that are not "assistance" as defined in 45 C.F.R. 260.31(a) and are benefits and services that 45 C.F.R. 260.31(b) excludes from the definition of assistance.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided by the law enacted by the general assembly or executive order issued by the governor establishing the Title IV-A program, the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as appropriate, shall do either of the following regarding a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code:

(a) Administer the program or supervise a county family services agency's administration of the program;

(b) Enter into an interagency agreement with a state agency for the state agency to administer the program under the department's supervision.

(2) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth may enter into an agreement with a government entity and, to the extent permitted by federal law, a private, not-for-profit entity for the entity to receive funding for a project under the Title IV-A demonstration program created under section 5101.803 of the Revised Code.

(3) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of children and youth may enter into an agreement with a private, not-for-profit entity for the entity to receive funds under the Ohio parenting and pregnancy program created under section 5101.804 of the Revised Code.

(C) The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, may adopt rules governing Title IV-A programs identified under divisions (A)(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code. Rules governing financial and operational matters of ~~the either~~ department or between ~~the either~~ department and county family services agencies shall be adopted as internal management rules adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code. All other rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D) If the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, enters into an agreement regarding a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(4)(c), (e), (f), or (g) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) or (2) of this section, the agreement shall include at least all of the following:

(1) A requirement that the state agency or entity comply with the requirements for the program or project, including all of the following requirements established by federal statutes and regulations, state statutes

and rules, the United States office of management and budget, and the Title IV-A state plan prepared under section 5101.80 of the Revised Code:

- (a) Eligibility;
 - (b) Reports;
 - (c) Benefits and services;
 - (d) Use of funds;
 - (e) Appeals for applicants for, and recipients and former recipients of, the benefits and services;
 - (f) Audits.
- (2) A complete description of all of the following:
- (a) The benefits and services that the program or project is to provide;
 - (b) The methods of program or project administration;
 - (c) The appeals process under section 5101.35 of the Revised Code for applicants for, and recipients and former recipients of, the program or project's benefits and services;
 - (d) Other requirements that the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, requires be included.
- (3) Procedures for the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, to approve a policy, established by rule or otherwise, that the state agency or entity establishes for the program or project before the policy is established;
- (4) Provisions regarding how the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, is to reimburse the state agency or entity for allowable expenditures under the program or project that the applicable department approves, including all of the following:
- (a) Limitations on administrative costs;
 - (b) The department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, at its discretion, doing either of the following:
 - (i) Withholding no more than five per cent of the funds that the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, would otherwise provide to the state agency or entity for the program or project;
 - (ii) Charging the state agency or entity for the costs to the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, of performing, or contracting for the performance of, audits and other administrative functions associated with the program or project.
- (5) If the state agency or entity arranges by contract, grant, or other agreement for another entity to perform a function the state agency or entity

would otherwise perform regarding the program or project, the state agency or entity's responsibilities for both of the following:

(a) Ensuring that the other entity complies with the agreement between the state agency or entity and the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable and federal statutes and regulations and state statutes and rules governing the use of funds for the program or project;

(b) Auditing the other entity in accordance with requirements established by the United States office of management and budget.

(6) The state agency or entity's responsibilities regarding the prompt payment, including any interest assessed, of any adverse audit finding, final disallowance of federal funds, or other sanction or penalty imposed by the federal government, auditor of state, department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, a court, or other entity regarding funds for the program or project;

(7) Provisions for the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, to terminate the agreement or withhold reimbursement from the state agency or entity if either of the following occur:

(a) The federal government disapproves the program or project or reduces federal funds for the program or project;

(b) The state agency or entity fails to comply with the terms of the agreement.

(8) Provisions for both of the following:

(a) The department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, and state agency or entity determining the performance outcomes expected for the program or project;

(b) An evaluation of the program or project to determine its success in achieving the performance outcomes determined under division (D)(8)(a) of this section.

(E) To the extent consistent with the law enacted by the general assembly or executive order issued by the governor establishing the Title IV-A program and subject to the approval of the director of budget and management, the director of job and family services or the director of children and youth, as applicable, may terminate a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code or reduce funding for the program if the applicable ~~director of job and family services~~ determines that federal or state funds are insufficient to fund the program. If the director of budget and management approves the termination or reduction in funding for such a program, the

~~director of job and family services~~ of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, shall issue instructions for the termination or funding reduction. If a Title IV-A administrative agency is administering the program, the agency is bound by the termination or funding reduction and shall comply with the applicable director's instructions.

(F) The director of job and family services and the director of children and youth may adopt internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section. The rules are binding on each Title IV-A administrative agency.

Sec. 5101.802. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Custodian," "guardian," and "minor child" have the same meanings as in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Federal poverty guidelines" has the same meaning as in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Kinship caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to division (E) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, there is hereby created the kinship permanency incentive program to promote permanency for a minor child in the legal and physical custody of a kinship caregiver. The program shall provide an initial one-time incentive payment to the kinship caregiver to defray the costs of initial placement of the minor child in the kinship caregiver's home. The program may provide additional permanency incentive payments for the minor child at six-month intervals, based on the availability of funds. An eligible caregiver may receive a maximum of eight incentive payments per minor child.

(C) A kinship caregiver may participate in the program if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The kinship caregiver applies to a public children services agency in accordance with the application process established in rules authorized by division (E) of this section;

(2) Not earlier than July 1, 2005, a juvenile court issues an order granting legal custody to the kinship caregiver, or a probate court grants guardianship to the kinship caregiver, except that a temporary court order is not sufficient to meet this requirement;

(3) The kinship caregiver is either the minor child's custodian or guardian;

(4) The minor child resides with the kinship caregiver pursuant to a placement approval process established in rules authorized by division (E) of this section;

(5) Excluding any income excluded under rules adopted under division (E) of this section, the gross income of the kinship caregiver's family, including the minor child, does not exceed three hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(6) The kinship caregiver is not receiving kinship guardianship assistance under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 673(d), as amended, or the program described in section 5101.1411 of the Revised Code or the program described in section 5153.163 of the Revised Code.

(D) Public children services agencies shall make initial and ongoing eligibility determinations for the kinship permanency incentive program in accordance with rules authorized by division (E) of this section. The director of job children and ~~family services youth~~ shall supervise public children services agencies' duties under this section.

(E) The director of job children and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules under division (C) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement the kinship permanency incentive program. The rules shall establish all of the following:

- (1) The application process for the program;
- (2) The placement approval process through which a minor child is placed with a kinship caregiver for the kinship caregiver to be eligible for the program;
- (3) The initial and ongoing eligibility determination process for the program, including the computation of income eligibility;
- (4) The amount of the incentive payments provided under the program;
- (5) The method by which the incentive payments are provided to a kinship caregiver.

(F) The amendments made to this section by Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th general assembly shall not affect the eligibility of any kinship caregiver whose eligibility was established before June 30, 2007.

Sec. 5101.803. (A) Subject to division (E) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, there is hereby created the Title IV-A demonstration program to provide funding for innovative and promising prevention and intervention projects that meet one or more of the four purposes of the temporary assistance for needy families block grant as specified in 42 U.S.C. 601 and are for individuals with specific and multiple barriers to achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. The department of job and family services and the department of children and youth, as applicable, may provide funding for such projects to government entities and, to the extent permitted by federal law, private, not-for-profit entities with which ~~the~~ either department enters into agreements under division

(B)(2) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code.

In accordance with criteria the department develops, the department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, may solicit proposals from entities seeking to enter into an agreement with the applicable department under division (B)(2) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code. The department of job and family services or the department of children and youth, as applicable, may enter into such agreements with entities that do both of the following:

(1) Meet the proposals' criteria;

(2) If the entity's proposed project does not potentially affect persons in each county of the state, provides the department evidence that the entity has notified, in writing, the county department of job and family services of each county where persons may be affected by the implementation of the project.

(B) In developing the criteria, soliciting the proposals, and entering in the agreements, the department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, the Title IV-A state plan submitted to the United States secretary of health and human services under section 5101.80 of the Revised Code, amendments to the Title IV-A state plan submitted to the United States secretary under that section, and federal waivers the United States secretary grants.

~~(C) The department shall begin implementation of the Title IV-A demonstration program no later than January 1, 2006.~~

Sec. 5101.804. (A) Subject to division (E) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, there is hereby created the Ohio parenting and pregnancy program to provide services for pregnant women and parents or other relatives caring for children twelve months of age or younger that do both of the following:

(1) Promote childbirth, parenting, and alternatives to abortion;

(2) Meet one or more of the four purposes of the temporary assistance for needy families block grant as specified in 42 U.S.C. 601.

(B) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of ~~job children and family services youth~~ may provide funds under the program to entities with which the department enters into agreements under division (B)(3) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code. In accordance with criteria the department develops, the department may solicit proposals from entities seeking to provide services under the program. The department may enter into an agreement with an entity only if it meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) Is a private, not-for-profit entity;
- (2) Is an entity whose primary purpose is to promote childbirth, rather than abortion, through counseling and other services, including parenting and adoption support;
- (3) Provides services to pregnant women and parents or other relatives caring for children twelve months of age or younger, including clothing, counseling, diapers, food, furniture, health care, parenting classes, postpartum recovery, shelter, and any other supportive services, programs, or related outreach;
- (4) Does not charge pregnant women and parents or other relatives caring for children twelve months of age or younger a fee for any services received;
- (5) Is not involved in or associated with any abortion activities, including providing abortion counseling or referrals to abortion clinics, performing abortion-related medical procedures, or engaging in pro-abortion advertising;
- (6) Does not discriminate in its provision of services on the basis of race, religion, color, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or gender.

(C) An entity that has entered into an agreement with the department under division (B)(3) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code may enter into a subcontract with another entity under which the other entity provides all or part of the services described in division (B)(3) of this section. A subcontract may be entered into with another entity only if that entity meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) Is a private, not-for-profit entity;
- (2) Is physically and financially separate from any entity, or component of an entity, that engages in abortion activities;
- (3) Is not involved in or associated with any abortion activities, including providing abortion counseling or referrals to abortion clinics, performing abortion-related medical procedures, or engaging in pro-abortion advertising.

(D) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules under division (C) of section 5101.801 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement the Ohio parenting and pregnancy program.

Sec. 5101.83. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Assistance group" has the same meaning as in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code, except that it also means a group provided benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program or the comprehensive case management and employment program.
- (2) "Fraudulent assistance" means assistance and services, including

cash assistance, provided under the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107., or benefits and services provided under the prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code or under the comprehensive case management and employment program established under Chapter 5116. of the Revised Code, to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of fraud by a member of the assistance group, including an intentional violation of the program's requirements. "Fraudulent assistance" does not include assistance or services to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of an error that is the fault of a county department of job and family services ~~or, the Ohio department of job and family services, or the department of children and youth.~~

(B) If a county director of job and family services determines that an assistance group has received fraudulent assistance, the assistance group is ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program until a member of the assistance group repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance. If a member repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance and the assistance group otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for the Ohio works first program, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program, the assistance group shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the program.

This section does not limit the ability of a county department of job and family services to recover erroneous payments under section 5107.76 of the Revised Code.

The Ohio department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.851. The department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall establish a statewide kinship care navigator program to assist kinship caregivers who are seeking information regarding, or assistance obtaining, services and benefits available at the state and local level that address the needs of those caregivers residing in each county. The program shall provide to kinship caregivers information and referral services and assistance obtaining support services including the following:

- (A) Publicly funded child care;
- (B) Respite care;
- (C) Training related to caring for special needs children;
- (D) A toll-free telephone number that may be called to obtain basic

information about the rights of, and services available to, kinship caregivers;

(E) Legal services.

Sec. 5101.853. The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall divide the state into not less than five and not greater than twelve regions, for the kinship care navigator program under section 5101.851 of the Revised Code. The director shall take the following into consideration when establishing the regions:

(A) The population size;

(B) The estimated number of kinship caregivers;

(C) The expertise of kinship navigators;

(D) Any other factor the director considers relevant.

Sec. 5101.855. ~~Not later than one year after the effective date of this amendment, the~~ The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules to implement the kinship care navigator program. The rules shall be adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that rules governing fiscal and administrative matters related to implementation of the program are internal management rules and shall be adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.856. (A)(1) The kinship care navigator program shall be funded to the extent that general revenue funds have been appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose.

(2) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall take any action necessary to obtain funds available for the kinship care navigator program under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 670, as amended.

(B) The department shall pay the full nonfederal share for the kinship care navigator program. No county department of job and family services or public children services agency shall be responsible for the cost of the program.

Sec. 5101.881. There is hereby established the kinship support program. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall coordinate and administer the program to the extent funds are appropriated and allocated for this purpose.

Sec. 5101.885. Kinship support program payments under section 5101.884 of the Revised Code shall be ten dollars and twenty cents per child, per day, to the extent funds are available. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall increase the payment amount on January 1, 2022, and on the first day of each January thereafter by the cost-of-living adjustment made in the immediately preceding December.

Sec. 5101.8811. The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~

may adopt rules for the administration of the kinship support program in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.02. As used in sections 5103.03 to 5103.181 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) "Association" or "institution" includes all of the following:

(a) Any incorporated or unincorporated organization, society, association, or agency, public or private, that receives or cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks;

(b) Any individual, including the operator of a foster home, 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;

(c) Any individual not in the regular employ of a court, or of an institution or association certified in accordance with section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, who in any manner becomes a party to the placing of children in foster homes, unless the individual is related to such children by blood or marriage or is the appointed guardian of such children.

(2) "Association" or "institution" does not include any of the following:

(a) Any organization, society, association, school, agency, child guidance center, detention or rehabilitation facility, or children's clinic licensed, regulated, approved, operated under the direction of, or otherwise certified by the department of education, a local board of education, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and addiction services, or the department of developmental disabilities;

(b) Any individual who provides care for only a single-family group, placed there by their parents or other relative having custody;

(c) A private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp;

(d) A qualified organization as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Family foster home" means a foster home that is not a specialized foster home.

(C) "Foster caregiver" means a person holding a valid foster home certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Foster home" means a private residence in which children are received apart from their parents, guardian, or legal custodian, by an individual reimbursed for providing the children nonsecure care, supervision, or training twenty-four hours a day. "Foster home" does not include care provided for a child in the home of a person other than the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian while the parent, guardian, or legal custodian is temporarily away. Family foster homes and specialized

foster homes are types of foster homes.

(E) "Kinship caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Medically fragile foster home" means a foster home that provides specialized medical services designed to meet the needs of children with intensive health care needs who meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Under rules adopted by the medicaid director governing medicaid payments for long-term care services, the children require a skilled level of care.

(2) The children require the services of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine at least once a week due to the instability of their medical conditions.

(3) The children require the services of a registered nurse on a daily basis.

(4) The children are at risk of institutionalization in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(G) "Private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp" means a structured, alternative residential setting for children who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, moral, social, or learning difficulties at home or school in which all of the following are the case:

(1) The children spend the majority of their time, including overnight, either outdoors or in a primitive structure.

(2) The children have been placed there by their parents or another relative having custody.

(3) The camp accepts no public funds for use in its operations.

(H) "Recommending agency" means a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency that recommends that the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth take any of the following actions under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code regarding a foster home:

(1) Issue a certificate;

(2) Deny a certificate;

(3) Renew a certificate;

(4) Deny renewal of a certificate;

(5) Revoke a certificate.

(I) "Resource caregiver" means a foster caregiver or a kinship caregiver.

(J) "Resource family" means a foster home or the kinship caregiver family.

(K) "Specialized foster home" means a medically fragile foster home or

a treatment foster home.

(L) "Treatment foster home" means a foster home that incorporates special rehabilitative services designed to treat the specific needs of the children received in the foster home and that receives and cares for children who are emotionally or behaviorally disturbed, who are chemically dependent, who have developmental disabilities, or who otherwise have exceptional needs.

Sec. 5103.03. (A) The director of job children and family-services youth shall adopt rules as necessary for the adequate and competent management and certification of institutions or associations. The director shall ensure that foster care home study rules adopted under this section align any home study content, time period, and process with any home study content, time period, and process required by rules adopted under section 3107.033 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except for facilities under the control of the department of youth services, places of detention for children established and maintained pursuant to sections 2152.41 to 2152.44 of the Revised Code, and child day-care centers subject to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, the department of job children and family-services youth shall pass upon the fitness of every institution and association that receives, or desires to receive and care for children, or places children in private homes, at a frequency established by rules adopted under division (A) of this section.

(2) When the department of job children and family-services youth is satisfied as to the care given such children, and that the requirements of the statutes and rules covering the management of such institutions and associations are being complied with, it shall issue to the institution or association a certificate to that effect. A certificate is valid for a length of time determined by rules adopted under division (A) of this section. When determining whether an institution or association meets a particular requirement for certification, the department may consider the institution or association to have met the requirement if the institution or association shows to the department's satisfaction that it has met a comparable requirement to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization.

(3) The department may issue a temporary certificate valid for less than one year authorizing an institution or association to operate until minimum requirements have been met.

(4) An institution or association that knowingly makes a false statement that is included as a part of certification under this section is guilty of the offense of falsification under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and the

department shall not certify that institution or association.

(5) The department shall not issue a certificate to a prospective foster home or prospective specialized foster home pursuant to this section if the prospective foster home or prospective specialized foster home operates as a type A family day-care home pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code. The department shall not issue a certificate to a prospective specialized foster home if the prospective specialized foster home operates as a type B family day-care home pursuant to Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

(C) The department may revoke a certificate if it finds that the institution or association is in violation of law or rule. No juvenile court shall commit a child to an association or institution that is required to be certified under this section if its certificate has been revoked or, if after revocation, the date of reissue is less than fifteen months prior to the proposed commitment.

(D) On a frequency specified by the department by rules adopted under division (A) of this section, each institution or association desiring certification or recertification shall submit to the department a report showing its condition, management, competency to care adequately for the children who have been or may be committed to it or to whom it provides care or services, the system of visitation it employs for children placed in private homes, and other information the department requires.

(E) The department shall, not less than once each year, send a list of certified institutions and associations to each juvenile court and certified association or institution.

(F) No person shall receive children or receive or solicit money on behalf of such an institution or association not so certified or whose certificate has been revoked.

(G)(1) The director may delegate by rule any duties imposed on it by this section to inspect and approve family foster homes and specialized foster homes to public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, or private noncustodial agencies.

(2) The director shall adopt rules that require a foster caregiver or other individual certified to operate a foster home under this section to notify the recommending agency that the foster caregiver or other individual is licensed to operate a type B family day-care home under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

(H) If the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth determines that an institution or association that cares for children is operating without a certificate, the director may petition the court of common pleas in the county

in which the institution or association is located for an order enjoining its operation. The court shall grant injunctive relief upon a showing that the institution or association is operating without a certificate.

(I) If both of the following are the case, the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ may petition the court of common pleas of any county in which an institution or association that holds a certificate under this section operates for an order, and the court may issue an order, preventing the institution or association from receiving additional children into its care or an order removing children from its care:

(1) The department has evidence that the life, health, or safety of one or more children in the care of the institution or association is at imminent risk.

(2) The department has issued a proposed adjudication order pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to deny renewal of or revoke the certificate of the institution or association.

Sec. 5103.031. Except as provided in section 5103.033 of the Revised Code, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ may not issue a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to a foster home unless the prospective foster caregiver successfully completes preplacement training through a preplacement training program approved by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code or preplacement training provided under division (B) of section 5103.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.032. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section and in section 5103.033 of the Revised Code, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ may not renew a foster home certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code unless the foster caregiver successfully completes continuing training in accordance with the foster caregiver's needs assessment and continuing training plan developed and implemented under section 5103.035 of the Revised Code.

(B) A foster caregiver shall be given an additional amount of time within which the foster caregiver must complete the continuing training required under division (A) of this section in accordance with rules adopted by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ if either of the following applies:

(1) The foster caregiver has served in active duty outside this state with a branch of the armed forces of the United States for more than thirty days in the preceding two-year period.

(2) The foster caregiver has served in active duty as a member of the Ohio organized militia, as defined in section 5923.01 of the Revised Code, for more than thirty days in the preceding two-year period and that active

duty relates to either an emergency in or outside of this state or to military duty in or outside of this state.

Sec. 5103.033. (A) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ may issue or renew a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to a foster home for the care of a child who is in the custody of a public children services agency or private child placing agency pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 5103.15 of the Revised Code regarding a child who was less than six months of age on the date the agreement was executed if the prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver successfully completes the following:

(1) A preplacement training program approved under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code or a program provided under division (B) of section 5103.30 of the Revised Code;

(2) Continuing training in accordance with the foster caregiver's needs assessment and continuing training plan developed and implemented under section 5103.035 of the Revised Code.

(B) A foster caregiver to whom either division (B)(1) or (2) of this section applies shall be given an additional amount of time within which to complete the continuing training required under division (A)(2) of this section in accordance with rules adopted by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~:

(1) The foster caregiver has served in active duty outside this state with a branch of the armed forces of the United States for more than thirty days in the preceding two-year period.

(2) The foster caregiver has served in active duty as a member of the Ohio organized militia, as defined in section 5923.01 of the Revised Code, for more than thirty days in the preceding two-year period and that active duty relates to either an emergency in or outside of this state or to military duty in or outside of this state.

Sec. 5103.034. (A) Private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies operating a preplacement or continuing training program approved by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code shall make the program available to a prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver without regard to the type of recommending agency from which the prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver seeks a recommendation.

(B) A private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency operating a preplacement or continuing training program approved by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code may condition the enrollment of a

prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver in the program on either or both of the following:

- (1) Availability of space in the training program;
- (2) Payment of an instruction or registration fee, if any, by the prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver's recommending agency.

(C) A private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency operating a preplacement or continuing training program approved by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code may contract with a person or governmental entity to administer the program.

Sec. 5103.036. (A) For the purpose of determining whether a prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver has satisfied the requirement of section 5103.031 or 5103.032 of the Revised Code, a recommending agency shall accept training obtained from either of the following:

(1) Any preplacement or continuing training program approved by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code;

(2) The Ohio child welfare training program pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of section 5103.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) A recommending agency may require that a prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver successfully complete additional training as a condition of the agency recommending that the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth certify or recertify the prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver's foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.037. (A) Prior to employing or appointing a person as board president, or as an administrator or officer, an institution or association shall do the following regarding the person:

(1) Request a summary report of a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code;

(2) Request a certified search of the findings for recovery database;

(3) Conduct a database review at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(4) Conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site.

(B) The institution or association may refuse to hire or appoint a person as board president, or as an administrator or officer as follows:

(1) Based solely on the findings of the summary report described in division (B)(1)(a) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code or the results of the search described in division (A)(4) of this section;

(2) Based on the results of a certified search or database review described in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, when considered within the totality of circumstances.

(C) The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.038. (A) Every other year by a date specified in rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, each private child placing agency and private noncustodial agency that seeks to operate a preplacement training program or continuing training program under section 5103.034 of the Revised Code shall submit to the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth a proposal outlining the program. The proposal may be the same as, a modification of, or different from, a model design developed by the department.

(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a proposal under division (A) of this section, the department shall either approve or disapprove the proposed program. The department shall approve a proposed preplacement training program if it complies with rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, and, in the case of a proposal submitted by an agency operating a preplacement training program at the time the proposal is submitted, the department is satisfied with the agency's operation of the program. The department shall approve a proposed continuing training program if it complies with rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code and, in the case of a proposal submitted by an agency operating a continuing training program at the time the proposal is submitted, the department is satisfied with the agency's operation of the program. If the department disapproves a proposal, it shall provide the reason for disapproval to the agency that submitted the proposal and advise the agency of how to revise the proposal so that the department can approve it.

(C) The department's approval under division (B) of this section of a proposed preplacement training program or continuing training program is valid only for two years following the year the proposal for the program is submitted to the department under division (A) of this section.

Sec. 5103.0310. (A) Prior to employing a person or engaging a subcontractor, intern, or volunteer, an institution or association, as defined in division (A)(1)(a) of section 5103.02 of the Revised Code, that is a residential facility, as defined in division (A)(6) of section 5103.05 of the Revised Code, shall do the following regarding the person, subcontractor, intern, or volunteer:

(1) Obtain a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site regarding the person;

(2) Obtain a summary report of a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) An institution or association, as defined in division (A)(1)(a) of section 5103.02 of the Revised Code, that is not a residential facility, as defined in division (A)(6) of section 5103.05 of the Revised Code, shall obtain the search and summary report described in division (A) of this section before hiring a person, or engaging a subcontractor, intern, or volunteer, who will have access to children.

(C) If, at the time of ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 30, 2021, the institution or association has not obtained a report required under division (A) or (B) of this section for the person, subcontractor, intern, or volunteer, the institution or association shall obtain the report.

(D) The institution or association may refuse to employ the person or engage the subcontractor, intern, or volunteer based solely on the results of the search described in division (A)(1) or (B) of this section or the findings of the summary report described in division (B)(1)(a) of section 5103.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) The director of job children and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.0312. A public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency acting as a recommending agency for a foster caregiver shall reimburse the foster caregiver in a lump sum for attending a preplacement training program operated under section 5103.034 or 5103.30 of the Revised Code and shall reimburse the foster caregiver a stipend for attending a continuing training program operated under section 5103.034 or 5103.30 of the Revised Code. The amount of the lump sum reimbursement and the stipend rate shall be established by the department of job children and ~~family services youth~~ and shall be the same regardless of the type of recommending agency from which the foster caregiver seeks a recommendation. The department shall, pursuant to rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, reimburse the recommending agency for stipend reimbursements it makes in accordance with this section. The department shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding the release of lump sum stipends to an individual for attending a preplacement training program.

Sec. 5103.0313. Except as provided in section 5103.303 of the Revised

Code, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall compensate a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency for the cost of procuring or operating preplacement and continuing training programs approved by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code for prospective foster caregivers and foster caregivers who are recommended for initial certification or recertification by the agency.

The compensation shall be paid to the agency in the form of an allowance to reimburse the agency for the cost of training pursuant to the rules adopted by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ in accordance with section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.0314. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules regarding the compensation of a recommending agency for any training the agency requires a foster caregiver to undergo as a condition of the agency recommending the department certify the foster caregiver's foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code if the training is in excess of the training required under section 5103.031 of the Revised Code.

The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules regarding the compensation of a recommending agency for any training the agency requires a foster caregiver to undergo as a condition of the agency recommending the department recertify the foster caregiver's foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code if the training is in addition to the minimum training required under section 5103.032 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.0315. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall seek federal financial participation for the cost of making payments under section 5103.0312 of the Revised Code and allowances under sections 5103.0313 and 5103.303 of the Revised Code. The department shall notify the governor, president of the senate, minority leader of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and minority leader of the house of representatives of any proposed federal legislation that endangers the federal financial participation.

Sec. 5103.0316. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary for the efficient administration of sections 5103.031 to 5103.0316 of the Revised Code. The rules shall provide for all of the following:

(A) For the purpose of section 5103.038 of the Revised Code, the date by which a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency that

seeks to operate a preplacement training program or continuing training program under section 5103.034 of the Revised Code must submit to the department a proposal outlining the program;

(B) Requirements governing the department's compensation of private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies under sections 5103.0312 and 5103.0313 of the Revised Code, including the allowance to reimburse the agencies for the cost of providing the training under sections 5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.033 of the Revised Code;

(C) Requirements governing the continuing training required by sections 5103.032 and 5103.033 of the Revised Code;

(D) The amount of training hours necessary for preplacement training and continuing training for purposes of sections 5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.033 of the Revised Code;

(E) Courses necessary to meet the preplacement and continuing training requirements for foster homes under sections 5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.033 of the Revised Code;

(F) Criteria used to create a written needs assessment and continuing training plan for each foster caregiver as required by section 5103.035 of the Revised Code;

(G) The amount of preplacement and continuing training hours that may be completed online;

(H) Any other matter the department considers appropriate.

Sec. 5103.0317. The ~~Director~~ director of ~~Job children and Family Services~~ youth shall adopt rules concerning the maximum number of children a foster home may receive and any exceptions to the maximum number.

Sec. 5103.0319. (A) No foster caregiver or prospective foster caregiver shall fail to notify the recommending agency that recommended or is recommending the foster caregiver or prospective foster caregiver for certification in writing if a person at least twelve years of age but less than eighteen years of age residing with the foster caregiver or prospective foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following or has been adjudicated to be a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would have constituted such a violation:

(1) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, ~~2923.13~~ 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02,

2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, a violation of section 2923.01 of the Revised Code that involved an attempt to commit aggravated murder or murder, an OVI or OVUAC violation if the person previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more OVI or OVUAC violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(2) An offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult and the court determined that the child, if an adult, would be guilty of a specification found in section 2941.141, 2941.144, or 2941.145 of the Revised Code or in another section of the Revised Code that relates to the possession or use of a firearm, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, during the commission of the act for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child;

(3) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

(B) If a recommending agency learns that a foster caregiver has failed to comply with division (A) of this section, it shall notify the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth and the department shall revoke the foster caregiver's foster home certificate.

(C) As used in this section, "OVI or OVUAC violation" means a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.0320. The department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth may deny a foster home certificate on the grounds that a person at least twelve years of age but less than eighteen years of age residing with the foster caregiver or prospective foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense described in division (A) of section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code or has been adjudicated to be a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would have constituted such an offense.

Sec. 5103.0321. On receipt of notice under section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code, the recommending agency shall do all of the following:

(A) Review the foster caregiver's foster home certificate. After review, the agency may recommend that the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ revoke the certificate.

(B) Review the placement in the foster home of any child of whom the agency has temporary, legal, or permanent custody. After review, the agency may, consistent with any juvenile court order, remove the child from the foster home in which the child is residing and place the child in another certified foster home.

(C) If the agency does not have temporary, legal, or permanent custody of a foster child residing in the foster home, notify the entity that has custody that it has received a notice under section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code.

(D) Assess the foster caregiver's need for training because of the conviction, plea of guilty, or adjudication described in section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code and provide any necessary training.

Sec. 5103.0322. On receipt of a recommendation from a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or private noncustodial agency regarding an application for, or renewal of, a family foster home or treatment foster home certification under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall decide whether to issue or renew the certificate. The department shall notify the agency and the applicant or certificate holder of its decision. If the department's decision is different from the recommendation of the agency, the department shall state in the notice the reason that the decision is different from the recommendation.

Sec. 5103.0323. (A) As used in this section, "American institute of certified public accountants auditing standards" and "AICPA auditing standards" mean the auditing standards published by the American institute of certified public accountants.

(B) The first time that a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency seeks renewal of a certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, it shall provide the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~, as a condition of renewal, evidence of an independent financial statement audit performed by a licensed public accounting firm following applicable AICPA auditing standards for the most recent fiscal year. Thereafter, when an agency seeks renewal of its certificate, it shall provide the department evidence of an independent financial statement audit performed by a licensed public accounting firm following applicable AICPA auditing standards for the two most recent previous fiscal years it is possible for an independent audit to have been

conducted.

(C) For an agency to be eligible for renewal, the independent audits must demonstrate that the agency operated in a fiscally accountable manner as determined by the department of job children and family services youth.

(D) The director of job children and family services youth may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The director shall adopt the rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.0325. Notwithstanding section 106.03 of the Revised Code, the department of job children and family services youth shall review once every two years the department's rules governing visits and contacts by a public children services agency or private child placing agency with a child in the agency's custody and placed in foster care in this state. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to ensure compliance with the department's rules governing agency visits and contacts with a child in its custody.

Sec. 5103.0326. (A) A recommending agency may recommend that the department of job children and family services youth not renew a foster home certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code if the foster caregiver refused to accept the placement of any children into the foster home during the current certification period. Based on the agency's recommendation, the department may refuse to renew a foster home certificate.

(B) The department of job children and family services youth may revoke the certification of any foster caregiver who has not cared for one or more foster children in the foster caregiver's home within the preceding twelve months. Prior to the revocation of any certification pursuant to this division, the recommending agency shall have the opportunity to provide good cause for the department to continue the certification and not revoke the certification. If the department decides to revoke the certification, the department shall notify the recommending agency that the certification will be revoked.

Sec. 5103.0328. (A) Not later than ninety-six hours after receiving notice from the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation pursuant to section 109.5721 of the Revised Code that a foster caregiver has been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, and not later than ninety-six hours after learning in any other manner that a foster caregiver has been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, the department of job children and family services youth shall provide notice of that arrest, conviction, or guilty plea to both the recommending

agency relative to the foster caregiver and the custodial agency of any child currently placed with that caregiver.

(B) If a recommending agency receives notice from the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~ pursuant to division (A) of this section that a foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, or if a recommending agency learns in any other manner that a foster caregiver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any foster caregiver-disqualifying offense, the recommending agency shall assess the foster caregiver's overall situation for safety concerns and forward any recommendations, if applicable, for revoking the foster caregiver's certificate to the department for the department's review for possible revocation.

(C) As used in this section, "foster caregiver-disqualifying offense" means any offense or violation listed or described in division (C)(1) of section 2151.86 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.0329. (A) A recommending agency may submit a request to the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~, on a case-by-case basis only, to waive any non-safety standards for a kinship caregiver seeking foster home certification. Non-safety standards include training hours and other requirements under sections 5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.039 of the Revised Code and standards established by rules adopted under sections 5103.03 and 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 671 (a)(10).

(B) "Kinship caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.04. No association whose object embraces the care of dependent, neglected, abused, or delinquent children, or the placing of such children in private homes, shall be incorporated unless the proposed articles of incorporation have been submitted first to the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family-services youth~~. The secretary of state shall not issue a certificate of incorporation to such association until there is filed in the secretary of state's office the certificate of the department that it has examined the articles of incorporation, that in its judgment the incorporators are reputable and respectable persons, the proposed work is needed, and the incorporation of such association is desirable and for the public good.

Amendments proposed to the articles of incorporation of any such association shall be submitted in like manner to the department, and the secretary of state shall not record such amendment or issue a certificate therefor until there is filed in the secretary of state's office the certificate of the department that it has examined such amendment, that the association in

question is performing in good faith the work undertaken by it, and that such amendment is a proper one, and for the public good.

Sec. 5103.05. (A) As used in this section and section 5103.051 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Children's residential center" means a facility that is operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public children services agency, that has been certified by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth to operate a children's residential center, and in which eleven or more children, including the children of any staff residing at the facility, are given nonsecure care and supervision twenty-four hours a day.

(2) "Children's crisis care facility" has the same meaning as in section 5103.13 of the Revised Code.

(3) "County children's home" means a facility established under section 5153.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) "District children's home" means a facility established under section 5153.42 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Group home for children" means any public or private facility that is operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public children services agency, that has been certified by the department to operate a group home for children, and that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Gives, for compensation, a maximum of ten children, including the children of the operator or any staff who reside in the facility, nonsecure care and supervision twenty-four hours a day by a person or persons who are unrelated to the children by blood or marriage, or who is not the appointed guardian of any of the children;

(b) Is not certified as a foster home;

(c) Receives or cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks.

"Group home for children" does not include any facility that provides care for children from only a single-family group, placed at the facility by the children's parents or other relative having custody.

(6) "Residential facility" means a group home for children, children's crisis care facility, children's residential center, residential parenting facility that provides twenty-four-hour child care, county children's home, or district children's home. A foster home is not a residential facility.

(7) "Residential parenting facility" means a facility operated by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public children services agency, that has been certified by the department to operate a residential parenting facility, in which teenage mothers and their children

reside for the purpose of keeping mother and child together, teaching parenting and life skills to the mother, and assisting teenage mothers in obtaining educational or vocational training and skills.

(8) "Nonsecure care and supervision" means care and supervision of a child in a residential facility that does not confine or prevent movement of the child within the facility or from the facility.

(B) Within ten days after the commencement of operations at a residential facility, the facility shall provide the following to all county, municipal, or township law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and fire departments with jurisdiction over the facility:

(1) Written notice that the facility is located and will be operating in the agency's or department's jurisdiction. The written notice shall provide the address of the facility, identify the facility as a group home for children, children's crisis care facility, children's residential center, residential parenting facility, county children's home, or district children's home, and provide contact information for the facility.

(2) A copy of the facility's procedures for emergencies and disasters established pursuant to rules adopted under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) A copy of the facility's medical emergency plan established pursuant to rules adopted under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) A copy of the facility's community engagement plan established pursuant to rules adopted under section 5103.051 of the Revised Code.

(C) Within ten days of a facility's recertification by the department, the facility shall provide to all county, municipal, or township law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and fire departments with jurisdiction over the facility updated copies of the information required to be provided under divisions (B)(2), (3), and (4) of this section.

(D) The department may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5103.051. (A) Each private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, public children services agency, or superintendent of a county or district children's home shall establish a community engagement plan in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) of this section for each residential facility the agency, entity, or superintendent operates.

~~(B)(1)(B)~~ The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish the following:

~~(a)(1)~~ The contents of a community engagement plan to be established under division (A) of this section that includes the following:

(i)(a) Protocols for the community in which a residential facility is located to communicate concerns or other pertinent information directly to the agency or entity;

(ii)(b) Protocols for the agency or entity in responding to a communication made under division (B)(1)(a)(i)(B)(1)(a) of this section.

(b)(2) Orientation procedures for training residential facility staff on the implementation of the community engagement plan established under division (A) of this section and procedures for responding to incidents involving a child at the facility and neighbors or the police.

(2) ~~The department shall file initial rules adopted under division (B)(1) of this section within ninety days after the effective date of this section.~~

Sec. 5103.07. The department of job children and family services youth shall administer funds received under Title IV-B of the "Social Security Act," 81 Stat. 821 (1967), 42 U.S.C.A. 620, as amended, and the "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," 88 Stat. 4 (1974), 42 U.S.C.A. 5101, as amended. In administering these funds, the department may establish a child welfare services program and a child abuse and neglect prevention and adoption reform program. The department has all powers necessary for the adequate administration of these funds and programs. The director of job children and family services youth may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 5103.08. The department of job children and family services youth may enter into contracts with the department of education authorizing the department of job children and family services youth to administer funds received by the department of education under the "State Dependent Care Development Grants Act," 100 Stat. 968 (1986), 42 U.S.C.A. 9871, as amended. In fulfilling its duties under such a contract, the department of job children and family services youth may make grants to or enter into contracts with other public or private entities.

Sec. 5103.11. There is hereby created the foster care and adoption initiatives fund. The fund shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state, but shall not be part of the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys collected under section 2919.1912 of the Revised Code. All interest earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for foster care and adoption services and initiatives. The department of job children and family services youth shall allocate moneys from the fund according to the following distribution:

(A) Fifty per cent of the moneys in the fund shall be used for foster care services and initiatives.

(B) Fifty per cent of the moneys in the fund shall be used for adoption

services and initiatives.

Sec. 5103.12. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Hearing" has the same meaning as in section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Permanent custody" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth may enter into agreements with public children services agencies and private child placing agencies under which the department will make payments to encourage the adoptive placement of children in the permanent custody of a public children services agency. If the department terminates, or refuses to enter into or renew, an agreement with a public children services agency or private child placing agency under this section, the agency is entitled to a hearing.

Notwithstanding section 127.16 of the Revised Code, the department is not required to follow competitive selection procedures or to receive the approval of the controlling board to enter into agreements under this section or to make payments pursuant to the agreements.

(C) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules that establish all of the following:

(1) A single, uniform agreement that, at a minimum, prescribes a payment schedule and the terms and conditions with which a public children services agency or private child placing agency must comply to receive a payment;

(2) Eligibility requirements a public children services agency or private child placing agency must meet to enter into an agreement with the department;

(3) Eligibility requirements that a child who is the subject of an agreement must meet;

(4) Other administrative and operational requirements.

Sec. 5103.13. (A) As used in this section and section 5103.131 of the Revised Code:

(1)(a) "Children's crisis care facility" means a facility that has as its primary purpose the provision of residential and other care to either or both of the following:

(i) One or more preteens voluntarily placed in the facility by the preteen's parent or other caretaker who is facing a crisis that causes the parent or other caretaker to seek temporary care for the preteen and referral for support services;

(ii) One or more preteens placed in the facility by a public children services agency or private child placing agency that has legal custody or permanent custody of the preteen and determines that an emergency situation exists necessitating the preteen's placement in the facility rather than an institution certified under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code or elsewhere.

(b) "Children's crisis care facility" does not include any of the following:

(i) Any organization, society, association, school, agency, child guidance center, detention or rehabilitation facility, or children's clinic licensed, regulated, approved, operated under the direction of, or otherwise certified by the department of education, a local board of education, the department of youth services, the department of mental health and addiction services, or the department of developmental disabilities;

(ii) Any individual who provides care for only a single-family group, placed there by their parents or other relative having custody;

(iii) Any residential infant care center, as an entity deemed a residential infant care center under section 5103.602 of the Revised Code shall no longer be licensed as a children's crisis care center.

(2) "Legal custody" and "permanent custody" have the same meanings as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Pediatric medical service" means medical service required to be provided by, or with oversight from, a licensed medical professional, including prescribing medication, administering rectal or intravenous medication, and outpatient laboratory service, and providing for sick visits, on-site well child exams, and children assisted by medical technology.

(4) "Preteen" means an individual under thirteen years of age.

(B) No person shall operate a children's crisis care facility or hold a children's crisis care facility out as a certified children's crisis care facility unless there is a valid children's crisis care facility certificate issued under this section for the facility.

(C)(1) A person seeking to operate a children's crisis care facility shall apply to the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ to obtain a certificate for the facility.

(2)(a) The director shall certify the person's children's crisis care facility if the facility meets all of the certification standards established in rules adopted under division (H) of this section and the person complies with all of the rules governing the certification of children's crisis care facilities adopted under that division. The issuance of a children's crisis care facility certificate does not exempt the facility from a requirement to obtain another

certificate or license mandated by law.

(b) The director shall not issue a waiver to a person for compliance with any of the requirements imposed under this section or any of the rules adopted under division (H) of this section.

(D) No certified children's crisis care facility shall do any of the following:

(1) Provide residential care to a preteen for more than one hundred twenty days in a calendar year;

(2) Provide residential care to a preteen for more than ninety consecutive days, which shall include the aggregate of days spent at different facility locations if a preteen is transferred in accordance with division (E)(4) of this section;

(3) Provide residential care to a preteen for more than fourteen consecutive days if a public children services agency or private child placing agency placed the preteen in the facility;

(4) Fail to comply with section 2151.86 of the Revised Code.

(E) A certified children's crisis care facility shall do the following:

(1) Employ a licensed social worker, a licensed independent social worker, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed professional clinical counselor;

(2) Require, if pediatric medical service is provided at the facility, the following for the provision of pediatric medical service:

(a) Medical service to be provided by a qualified, licensed, and insured medical professional;

(b) All staff, volunteers, and interns to comply with the privacy requirements of the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," 104 Pub. L. No. 191, 110 Stat. 2021, 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq., as amended;

(c) If a preteen is admitted by the preteen's parent or caretaker and if the preteen requires ongoing medical care following discharge from the facility, a medical professional or licensed social worker to make the medical professional's or social worker's best effort to ensure the parent or caretaker is competent to provide the ongoing care;

(d) The facility to have a dedicated and private enclosed space for the purpose of a medical professional to receive and treat patients and that contains a sink or tub, medical exam table, medical record system, and pediatric medical equipment.

(3) Require, if a preteen is admitted by the preteen's parent or caretaker, the facility's licensed social worker, licensed independent social worker, licensed professional counselor, or licensed professional clinical counselor

to make their best efforts to ensure the parent or caretaker is competent in the basic parenting skills needed to care for the preteen;

(4) Require only a transfer summary for the transfer of a preteen from one certified children's crisis care facility location to another, if the facility has more than one location;

(5) Require the facility to have a dedicated and private enclosed space for the purpose of completing required admission paperwork and medical forms;

(6) Require the facility to develop a visitation plan for the preteen's parent or caretaker with the preteen while residential care is being provided, which shall occur during awake hours and not include overnight visits, for the parent or caretaker with the preteen.

(F) A certified children's crisis care facility may do the following:

(1) Count administrative staff, interns, and volunteers toward child staff ratios required under paragraph (G) of rule 5101:2-9-36 of the Administrative Code for up to three hours if the administrative staff, interns, or volunteers meet the following requirements:

(a) Completed training in the mission of the children's crisis care facility;

(b) Completed training pursuant to rule 5101:2-9-03 of the Administrative Code;

(c) Are supervised by facility staff.

(2) Use contracted transportation providers, on whom criminal records checks have been conducted in accordance with section 2151.86 of the Revised Code, to transport preteens, if such use is necessary for the facility to maintain required child staff ratios.

(G) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ may suspend or revoke a children's crisis care facility's certificate pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the facility violates or fails to comply with any of the requirements under this section or ceases to meet any of the certification standards established in rules adopted under division (H) of this section or the facility's operator ceases to comply with any of the rules governing the certification of children's crisis care facilities adopted under that division.

(H) ~~Not later than ninety days after September 21, 2006, the~~ The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the certification of children's crisis care facilities. The rules shall specify that a certificate shall not be issued to an applicant if the conditions at the children's crisis care facility would jeopardize the health or safety of the preteens placed in the facility.

Sec. 5103.131. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a federal grant under the "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," 42 U.S.C. 5116, and the "Family First Prevention Services Act," 42 U.S.C. 50711, 50723, and 50741, to assist children's crisis care facilities certified under section 5103.13 of the Revised Code in providing temporary residential and other care to preteens.

Sec. 5103.14. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall enforce sections 2151.39, 5103.15, and 5103.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.151. (A) As used in this section and in section 5103.152 of the Revised Code, "identifying information" has the same meaning as in section 3107.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a parent of a minor who will be, if adopted, an adopted person as defined in section 3107.45 of the Revised Code shall do all of the following as a condition of a juvenile court approving the parent's agreement with a public children services agency or private child placing agency under division (B)(1) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code:

- (1) Appear personally before the court;
- (2) Sign the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Check either the "yes" or "no" space provided on the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code and sign that component;
- (4) If the parent is the mother, complete and sign the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code.

At the time the parent signs the components of the form prescribed under divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), and (c) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, the parent may sign, if the parent chooses to do so, the components of the form prescribed under divisions (A)(1)(d), (e), and (f) of that section. After the parent signs the components required to be signed and any discretionary components the parent chooses to sign, the parent or agency shall file the form and agreement with the court. The court or agency shall give the parent a copy of the form and agreement. The court and agency shall keep a copy of the form and agreement in the court and agency's records. The agency shall file a copy of the form and agreement with the probate court with which a petition to adopt the child who is the subject of the agreement is filed.

The juvenile court shall question the parent to determine that the parent

understands the adoption process, the ramifications of entering into a voluntary permanent custody surrender agreement, each component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, and that the child and adoptive parent may receive identifying information about the parent in accordance with section 3107.47 of the Revised Code unless the parent checks the "no" space provided on the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code or has a denial of release form filed with the department of health under section 3107.46 of the Revised Code. The court also shall question the parent to determine that the parent enters into the permanent custody surrender agreement voluntarily and any decisions the parent makes in filling out the form prescribed under division (A)(1) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code are made voluntarily.

(C) A juvenile court may approve an agreement entered into under division (B)(1) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code between a public children services agency or private child placing agency and the parents of a child who is less than six months of age and will be, if adopted, an adopted person as defined in section 3107.45 of the Revised Code without the parents personally appearing before the court if both parents do all of the following:

- (1) Enter into the agreement with the agency;
- (2) Sign the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Check either the "yes" or "no" space provided on the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code and sign that component.

At the time the parents sign the components of the form prescribed under divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, the mother shall complete and sign the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of that section and the agency shall provide the parents the opportunity to sign, if they choose to do so, the components of the form prescribed under divisions (A)(1)(d), (e), and (f) of that section. Not later than two business days after the parents enter into the agreements and sign the components of the form required to be signed and any discretionary components the parents choose to sign, the agency shall file the agreements and forms with the court. The agency shall give the parents a copy of the agreements and forms. At the time the agency files the agreements and forms with the court, the agency also shall file with the court all other documents the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth requires by rules adopted under division (D) of section 3107.083 of

the Revised Code to be filed with the court. The court and agency shall keep a copy of the agreements, forms, and documents in the court and attorney's records. The agency shall file a copy of the agreements, forms, and documents with the probate court with which a petition to adopt the child who is the subject of the agreement is filed.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a parent of a minor, who will be, if adopted, an adopted person as defined in section 3107.38 of the Revised Code, shall do all of the following as a condition of a juvenile court approving the parent's agreement with a public children services agency or private child placing agency under division (B)(1) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code:

- (1) Appear personally before the court;
- (2) Sign the component of the form prescribed under division (B)(1)(a) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code;
- (3) If the parent is the mother, complete and sign the component of the form prescribed under division (B)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code.

At the time the parent signs the components prescribed under divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, the parent may sign, if the parent chooses to do so, the components of the form prescribed under divisions (B)(1)(c), (d), and (e) of that section. After the parent signs the components required to be signed and any discretionary components the parent chooses to sign, the parent or agency shall file the form and agreement with the court. The court or agency shall give the parent a copy of the form and agreement. The court and agency shall keep a copy of the form and agreement in the court and agency's records. The agency shall file a copy of the form and agreement with the probate court with which a petition to adopt the child who is the subject of the agreement is filed.

The juvenile court shall question the parent to determine that the parent understands the adoption process, the ramifications of entering into a voluntary permanent custody surrender agreement, and each component of the form prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code. The court also shall question the parent to determine that the parent enters into the permanent custody surrender agreement voluntarily and any decisions the parent makes in filling out the form are made voluntarily.

(E) A juvenile court may approve an agreement entered into under division (B)(1) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code between a public children services agency or private child placing agency and the parent of a child who is less than six months of age and will be, if adopted, an adopted

person as defined in section 3107.38 of the Revised Code without the parent personally appearing before the court if the parent does both of the following:

(1) Signs the component of the form prescribed under division (B)(1)(a) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the parent is the mother, completes and signs the component of the form prescribed under division (B)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code.

At the time the parent signs that component, the agency shall provide the parent the opportunity to sign, if the parent chooses to do so, the components of the form prescribed under divisions (B)(1)(c), (d), and (e) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code. Not later than two business days after the parent enters into the agreement and signs the components of the form required to be signed and any discretionary components the parent chooses to sign, the agency shall file the agreement and form with the court. The agency shall give the parent a copy of the agreement and form. At the time the agency files the agreement and form with the court, the agency also shall file with the court all other documents the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth requires by rules adopted under division (D) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code to be filed with the court. The court and agency shall keep a copy of the agreement, form, and documents in the court and agency's records. The agency shall file a copy of the agreement, form, and documents with the probate court with which a petition to adopt the child who is the subject of the agreement is filed.

Sec. 5103.152. Not less than seventy-two hours before a public children services agency or private child placing agency enters into an agreement with a parent under division (B) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code, an assessor shall meet in person with the parent and do both of the following:

(A) Provide the parent with a copy of the written materials about adoption prepared by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth under division (C) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, discuss with the parent the adoption process and ramifications of a parent entering into a voluntary permanent custody surrender agreement, and provide the parent the opportunity to review the materials and ask questions about the materials, discussion, and related matters;

(B) If the child who is the subject of the agreement, if adopted, will be an adopted person as defined in section 3107.45 of the Revised Code, inform the parent that the parent's child and the adoptive parent may receive, in accordance with section 3107.47 of the Revised Code, identifying information about the parent that is contained in the child's adoption file

maintained by the department of health unless the parent checks the "no" space provided on the component of the form prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3107.083 of the Revised Code or signs and has filed with the department a denial of release form prescribed under section 3107.50 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.155. As used in this section, "children with special needs" has the same meaning as in rules adopted under section 5153.163 of the Revised Code.

If the department of job and family services determines that money in the putative father registry fund created under section 2101.16 of the Revised Code is more than is needed to perform its duties related to the putative father registry, the department may ~~use~~ transfer surplus moneys in the fund to the department of children and youth to promote adoption of children with special needs.

Sec. 5103.16. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no child shall be placed or accepted for placement under any written or oral agreement or understanding that transfers or surrenders the legal rights, powers, or duties of the legal parent, parents, or guardian of the child into the temporary or permanent custody of any association or institution that is not certified by the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, without the written consent of the office in the department that oversees the interstate compact for placement of children established under section 5103.20 of the Revised Code or the interstate compact on the placement of children established under section 5103.23 of the Revised Code, as applicable, or by a commitment of a juvenile court, or by a commitment of a probate court as provided in this section. A child may be placed temporarily without written consent or court commitment with persons related by blood or marriage or in a legally licensed boarding home.

(B)(1) Associations and institutions certified under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code for the purpose of placing children in free foster homes or for legal adoption shall keep a record of the temporary and permanent surrenders of children. This record shall be available for separate statistics, which shall include a copy of an official birth record and all information concerning the social, mental, and medical history of the children that will aid in an intelligent disposition of the children in case that becomes necessary because the parents or guardians fail or are unable to reassume custody.

(2) No child placed on a temporary surrender with an association or institution shall be placed permanently in a foster home or for legal

adoption. All surrendered children who are placed permanently in foster homes or for adoption shall have been permanently surrendered, and a copy of the permanent surrender shall be a part of the separate record kept by the association or institution.

(C) Any agreement or understanding to transfer or surrender the legal rights, powers, or duties of the legal parent or parents and place a child with a person seeking to adopt the child under this section shall be construed to contain a promise by the person seeking to adopt the child to pay the expenses listed in divisions (C)(1), (2), and (4) of section 3107.055 of the Revised Code and, if the person seeking to adopt the child refuses to accept placement of the child, to pay the temporary costs of routine maintenance and medical care for the child in a hospital, foster home, or other appropriate place for up to thirty days or until other custody is established for the child, as provided by law, whichever is less.

(D) No child shall be placed or received for adoption or with intent to adopt unless placement is made by a public children services agency, an institution or association that is certified by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to place children for adoption, or custodians in another state or foreign country, or unless all of the following criteria are met:

(1) Prior to the placement and receiving of the child, the parent or parents of the child personally have applied to, and appeared before, the probate court of the county in which the parent or parents reside, or in which the person seeking to adopt the child resides, for approval of the proposed placement specified in the application and have signed and filed with the court a written statement showing that the parent or parents are aware of their right to contest the decree of adoption subject to the limitations of section 3107.16 of the Revised Code;

(2) The court ordered an independent home study of the proposed placement to be conducted as provided in section 3107.031 of the Revised Code, and after completion of the home study, the court determined that the proposed placement is in the best interest of the child;

(3) The court has approved of record the proposed placement.

In determining whether a custodian has authority to place children for adoption under the laws of a foreign country, the probate court shall determine whether the child has been released for adoption pursuant to the laws of the country in which the child resides, and if the release is in a form that satisfies the requirements of the immigration and naturalization service of the United States department of justice for purposes of immigration to this country pursuant to section 101(b)(1)(F) of the "Immigration and

Nationality Act," 75 Stat. 650 (1961), 8 U.S.C. 1101 (b)(1)(F), as amended or reenacted.

If the parent or parents of the child are deceased or have abandoned the child, as determined under division (A) of section 3107.07 of the Revised Code, the application for approval of the proposed adoptive placement may be brought by the relative seeking to adopt the child, or by the department, board, or organization not otherwise having legal authority to place the orphaned or abandoned child for adoption, but having legal custody of the orphaned or abandoned child, in the probate court of the county in which the child is a resident, or in which the department, board, or organization is located, or where the person or persons with whom the child is to be placed reside. Unless the parent, parents, or guardian of the person of the child personally have appeared before the court and applied for approval of the placement, notice of the hearing on the application shall be served on the parent, parents, or guardian.

The consent to placement, surrender, or adoption executed by a minor parent before a judge of the probate court or an authorized deputy or referee of the court, whether executed within or outside the confines of the court, is as valid as though executed by an adult. A consent given as above before an employee of a children services agency that is licensed as provided by law, is equally effective, if the consent also is accompanied by an affidavit executed by the witnessing employee or employees to the effect that the legal rights of the parents have been fully explained to the parents, prior to the execution of any consent, and that the action was done after the birth of the child.

If the court approves a placement, the prospective adoptive parent with whom the child is placed has care, custody, and control of the child pending further order of the court.

(E)(1) This section does not apply to an adoption by a stepparent, a grandparent, a grandparent's husband or wife, a legal custodian, or a guardian.

(2) As used in division (E)(1) of this section:

(a) "Legal custodian" means a person who has been granted the legal custody of a child by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) "Legal custody" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code or in any other substantially equivalent statute.

Sec. 5103.163. (A) The department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish and enforce a resource family bill of rights for resource families providing care for individuals who are in the custody or care and placement

of an agency that provides Title IV-E reimbursable services pursuant to sections 5103.03 to 5103.181 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the rights of the resource family conflict with the rights of the individual established by section 2151.316 of the Revised Code, division (B) of section 2151.316 of the Revised Code shall apply.

(C) The rights established by rules under this section shall not create grounds for a civil action against the department, the recommending agency, or the custodial agency.

Sec. 5103.17. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Advertise" means a method of communication that is electronic, written, visual, or oral and made by means of personal representation, newspaper, magazine, circular, billboard, direct mailing, sign, radio, television, telephone, or otherwise.

(2) "Qualified adoptive parent" means a person who is eligible to adopt a child under section 3107.03 of the Revised Code and for whom an assessor has conducted a home study to determine whether the person is suitable to adopt a child, if required by section 3107.031 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to section 5103.16 of the Revised Code and to division (C), (D), or (E) of this section, no person or government entity, other than a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency certified by the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code or a public children services agency, shall advertise that the person or government entity will adopt children or place them in foster homes, hold out inducements to parents to part with their offspring or in any manner knowingly become a party to the separation of a child from the child's parents or guardians, except through a juvenile court or probate court commitment.

(C) The biological parent of a child may advertise the availability for placement of the parent's child for adoption to a qualified adoptive parent.

(D) A qualified adoptive parent may advertise that the qualified adoptive parent is available for placement of a child into the qualified adoptive parent's care for the purpose of adopting the child.

(E) A government entity may advertise about its role in the placement of children for adoption or any other information that would be relevant to qualified adoptive parents.

(F) Except as provided in section 3107.055 of the Revised Code, the following apply:

(1) No person shall offer money or anything of value in exchange for placement of a child for adoption.

(2) No biological parent may request money or anything of value in exchange for placement for adoption of the parent's child with a qualified adoptive parent.

(G) If the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth has reasonable cause to believe a violation of this section has been committed, the department shall notify the attorney general or the county prosecutor, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the political subdivision in which the violation has allegedly occurred. On receipt of the notification, the attorney general, county prosecutor, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer shall take action to enforce this section through injunctive relief or criminal charge.

Sec. 5103.18. (A)(1) Prior to certification or recertification as a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, a recommending agency shall obtain a summary report of a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system, established under section 5101.13 of the Revised Code, from an entity listed in section 5101.132 of the Revised Code.

(2) Whenever a prospective foster parent or any other person eighteen years of age or older who resides with a prospective foster parent has resided in another state within the five-year period immediately prior to the date on which a criminal records check is requested for the person under division (A) of section 2151.86 of the Revised Code, the recommending agency shall request a check of the central registry of abuse and neglect of this state from the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth regarding the prospective foster parent or the person eighteen years of age or older who resides with the prospective foster parent to enable the agency to check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by that other state. The recommending agency shall make the request and shall review the results of the check before the prospective foster parent may be finally approved for placement of a child. Information received pursuant to such a request shall be considered for purposes of this chapter as if it were a summary report required under division (A) of this section. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall comply with any request to check the central registry that is similar to the request described in this division and that is received from any other state.

(B)(1) The summary report required under division (A) of this section shall contain, if applicable, a chronological list of abuse and neglect determinations or allegations of which a person seeking to become a foster caregiver of a child is subject and in regards to which a public children services agency has done one of the following:

(a) Determined that abuse or neglect occurred;
(b) Initiated an investigation, and the investigation is ongoing;
(c) Initiated an investigation, and the agency was unable to determine whether abuse or neglect occurred.

(2) The summary report required under division (A) of this section shall not contain any of the following:

(a) An abuse and neglect determination of which a person seeking to become a foster caregiver of a child is subject and in regards to which a public children services agency determined that abuse or neglect did not occur;

(b) Information or reports the dissemination of which is prohibited by, or interferes with eligibility under, the "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," 88 Stat. 4 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq., as amended;

(c) The name of the person who or entity that made, or participated in the making of, the report of abuse or neglect.

(C)(1) A foster home certification or recertification may be denied based on a summary report containing the information described under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, when considered within the totality of the circumstances.

(2) A foster home certification or recertification shall not be denied solely based on a summary report containing the information described under division (B)(1)(b) or (c) of this section.

(D) ~~Not later than January 1, 2008, the~~ The director of job children and family services youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.181. (A) Prior to certification or recertification of a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code, a recommending agency shall conduct a search of the United States department of justice national sex offender public web site regarding the prospective or current foster caregiver and all persons eighteen years of age or older who reside with the prospective or current foster caregiver. Certification or recertification may be denied based solely on the results of the search.

(B) The director of ~~job children and family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary for the implementation and execution of this section.

Sec. 5103.21. The department of ~~job children and family services youth~~ may adopt rules necessary for the implementation of section 5103.20 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.22. As used in division (B) of Article VIII of section 5103.20

of the Revised Code, "state human services administration" means the department of job children and family services youth.

Sec. 5103.232. The "appropriate public authorities" as used in Article III of ~~the interstate compact on the placement of~~ section 5103.20 of the Revised Code means the department of job children and family services youth and that department shall receive and act with reference to notices required by said Article III.

Sec. 5103.233. As used in paragraph (A) of Article V of the interstate compact on the placement of children, the phrase "appropriate authority in the receiving state" with reference to this state shall mean the department of job children and family services youth.

Sec. 5103.30. The Ohio child welfare training program is hereby established in the department of job children and family services youth as a statewide program. The program shall provide all of the following:

(A) The training that section 3107.014 of the Revised Code requires an assessor to complete;

(B) The preplacement training that sections 5103.031 and 5103.033 of the Revised Code require a prospective foster caregiver to complete;

(C) The continuing training that sections 5103.032 and 5103.033 of the Revised Code require a foster caregiver to complete;

(D) The training that section 5153.122 of the Revised Code requires a PCSA caseworker to complete;

(E) The training that section 5153.123 of the Revised Code requires a PCSA caseworker supervisor to complete;

(F) The training required under section 5101.1414 of the Revised Code for a case manager and supervisor.

Sec. 5103.303. When the Ohio child welfare training program provides preplacement or continuing training to a prospective foster caregiver or foster caregiver whose recommending agency is a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency, the department of job children and family services youth shall not pay the Ohio child welfare training program the allowance the department would otherwise pay to the private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency under section 5103.0313 of the Revised Code for the training.

Sec. 5103.32. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Title IV-B" means Title IV-B of the "Social Security Act of 1967," 81 Stat. 821, 42 U.S.C. 620, as amended.

(2) "Title IV-E" means Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C. 670(1980).

(3) "Title XX" has the same meaning as in section 5101.46 of the

Revised Code.

(B) For purposes of adequately funding the Ohio child welfare training program, the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth may use any of the following:

(1) The federal financial participation funds withheld pursuant to division (E) of section 5101.141 of the Revised Code in an amount determined by the department;

(2) Funds available under Title XX, Title IV-B, and Title IV-E to pay for training costs;

(3) Other available state or federal funds;

(4) Funds that a person, including a foundation, makes available for the program.

Sec. 5103.39. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth shall establish the Ohio child welfare training program steering committee. Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the committee.

Sec. 5103.391. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth shall appoint all of the following to serve on the Ohio child welfare training program steering committee:

(A) Employees of the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth;

(B) One representative of each of the regional training centers established under section 5103.42 of the Revised Code;

(C) One representative of a statewide organization that represents the interests of public children services agencies;

(D) One representative of the Ohio child welfare training program coordinator;

(E) Two current foster caregivers certified by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(F) Employees of public children services agencies.

Sec. 5103.40. The Ohio child welfare training program steering committee shall do all of the following:

(A) Following procedures the committee shall establish, adopt, amend, and rescind by-laws as necessary regarding the committee's governance, frequency of meetings, and other matters concerning the committee's operation;

(B) Conduct strategic planning activities regarding the Ohio child welfare training program;

(C) Provide the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth

and Ohio child welfare training program coordinator recommendations regarding the program's operation;

(D) After reviewing individual training needs assessments completed under sections 5153.125 and 5153.126 of the Revised Code, consult with the Ohio child welfare training program coordinator on the design and content of the training that the program provides pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 5103.30 of the Revised Code;

(E) Review curricula created for the training provided under section 5103.30 of the Revised Code;

(F) Provide the department recommendations regarding the curricula reviewed under division (E) of this section as the committee determines necessary for the training to be relevant to the needs of the child welfare field;

(G) Evaluate the training and provide the department recommendations as the committee determines necessary for the training to be able to enable all of the following:

(1) Assessors to satisfy the training requirement of section 3107.014 of the Revised Code;

(2) Prospective foster caregivers and foster caregivers to satisfy the preplacement and continuing training requirements of sections 5103.031, 5103.032, and 5103.033 of the Revised Code;

(3) PCSA caseworkers to satisfy the training requirements of section 5153.122 of the Revised Code;

(4) PCSA caseworker supervisors to satisfy the training requirements of section 5153.123 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.41. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal biennium that first follows October 5, 2000, the department of job and family services, in consultation with the Ohio child welfare training program steering committee, shall designate eight training regions in the state. The department of children and youth, at times it selects, shall review the composition of the training regions. The committee, at times it selects, shall also review the training regions' composition and provide the department recommendations on changes. The department of children and youth may change the composition of the training regions as the department considers necessary. Each training region shall contain only one regional training center established and maintained under section 5103.42 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.50. (A) As used in this section and sections 5103.51 to 5103.55 of the Revised Code, "private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp" has the same meaning as in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement standards set forth in division (D) of this section and section 5103.54 of the Revised Code that are substantially similar, as determined by the director, to other similarly situated providers of residential care to children.

(C) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall issue a license to a private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp that submits an application to the director, on a form prescribed by the director, that indicates to the director's satisfaction that the camp meets the standards set forth in rules adopted under division (B) of this section.

(D) In accordance with rules adopted by the director under division (B) of this section, the camp shall develop and implement written policies that establish all of the following:

- (1) Standards for hiring, training, and supervising staff;
- (2) Standards for behavioral intervention, including standards prohibiting the use of prone restraint and governing the use of other restraints or isolation;
- (3) Standards for recordkeeping, including specifying information that must be included in each child's record, who may access records, confidentiality, maintenance, security, and disposal of records;
- (4) A procedure for handling complaints about the camp from the children attending the camp, their families, staff, and the public;
- (5) Standards for emergency and disaster preparedness, including procedures for emergency evacuation and standards requiring that a method of emergency communication be accessible at all times;
- (6) Standards that ensure the protection of children's civil rights;
- (7) Standards for the admission and discharge of children attending the camp, including standards for emergency discharge;
- (8) Standards for the supervision of children, including minimum staff to child ratios;
- (9) Standards for ensuring proper medical care, including administration of medications;
- (10) Standards for proper notification of critical incidents;
- (11) Standards regarding the health and safety of residents, including proper health department approvals, fire inspections, and food service licenses;
- (12) Standards for ensuring the reporting requirements under section 2151.421 of the Revised Code are met.

(E) The camp shall ensure that no child resides at the camp for more than twelve consecutive months, unless the camp has completed a full

evaluation that determines the child is not ready for reunification with the child's family or guardian. Such evaluation shall include any outside professional determined to be necessary by the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~. This evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by the director.

(F) The camp shall cooperate with any request from the director for an inspection or for access to records or written policies of the camp.

(G) The camps shall ensure that no child is left without supervision of camp staff at any time.

(H) The camp shall ensure that if there is a weather emergency or warning issued by the national weather service in the camp's geographic area, the children will be moved to a safe structure guarded from the weather event.

(I) The camp shall ensure that all sharp tools used in the camp, including axes and knives, are locked unless in use by camp staff or otherwise under camp staff supervision.

Sec. 5103.52. (A) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ may inspect a private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp at any time.

(B) The director may request access to the camp's records or to the written policies adopted by the camp pursuant to section 5103.50 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.53. A private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp shall not operate without a license issued under section 5103.50 of the Revised Code. If the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ determines that a camp is operating without a license, the director may petition the court of common pleas in the county in which the camp is located for an order enjoining its operation. The court shall grant injunctive relief upon a showing that the camp is operating without a license.

Sec. 5103.54. (A) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish the following:

(1) Policies and procedures for enforcing the minimum standards of operation for private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camps;

(2) Procedures the director shall follow if the director determines that conditions at a camp pose imminent risk to the life, health, or safety of one or more children at a camp.

(B) Rules adopted under this section shall be substantially similar, as determined by the director, to rules applicable to other residential care providers to children.

(C) The director may issue, deny, or revoke a license according to

procedures set forth in rules adopted under this section or section 5103.50 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.58. (A) Professional treatment staff employed by a public children services agency who are not subject to the licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code shall meet the requirements of sections 5153.112 and 5153.122 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Professional treatment staff employed by a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency who are not subject to the licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code shall meet the requirements of:

(a) Section 5153.112 of the Revised Code; and

(b) Section 5153.122 of the Revised Code, except that, with respect to the training requirements during the first year of continuous employment, staff shall be required to have training only in the courses described in divisions (A), (B), (C), (G), (H), (J), and (L) of that section and only for the number of hours needed to complete those courses.

(2) Subject to divisions (B)(3) and (4) of this section, the training required under division (B)(1) of this section may be offered by a private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization.

(3) Prior to the department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ establishing a training program under section 5103.59 of the Revised Code, training that meets the requirements described in division (B)(1) of this section may be offered only upon approval by the department. The department shall approve or disapprove a program not later than sixty days after the program is submitted for approval.

(4) A private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization shall cease to provide a training program approved under division (B)(3) of this section once the department establishes a training program described in section 5103.59 of the Revised Code, after which all training shall be provided by the department only.

Sec. 5103.59. The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall work with private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies to establish a comprehensive, competency-based professional treatment staff training program for employees of private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies that meets the requirements of division (B)(1) of section 5103.58 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.602. (A) A person seeking to operate a residential infant care center after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 13, 2022, shall apply to the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ to obtain a certificate for

the facility.

(B) A person who, on ~~the effective date of this section June 13, 2022,~~ is operating a children's crisis care facility that has as its primary purpose the provision of residential services for infants affected by substance use and the preservation of families through infant diversion practices and programs shall be deemed a residential infant care center by the director if the center is in compliance with the requirements and rules described under division (B) of section 5103.603 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.603. The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall issue a certificate to a person to operate a residential infant care center as follows:

(A) Pursuant to division (A) of section 5103.602 of the Revised Code if the center complies with all of the requirements under sections 5103.608 to 5103.6012 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, all of the rules adopted under section 5103.6018 of the Revised Code;

(B)(1) Pursuant to division (B) of section 5103.602 of the Revised Code if the center is in compliance with all of the requirements under sections 5103.608 to 5103.6012 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under division (H) of section 5103.13 of the Revised Code, except the rules described in division (B) of section 5103.6011 of the Revised Code, on ~~the effective date of this section June 13, 2022.~~

(2) If the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ adopts rules under section 5103.6018 of the Revised Code, a center issued a certificate under division (B)(1) of this section shall comply with those rules rather than the rules adopted under division (H) of section 5103.13 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.6010. A residential infant care center shall do the following:

(A) If using medication to treat infants, hold a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license issued by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.54 of the Revised Code.

(B) Comply, except as otherwise provided in this section and section 5103.6011 of the Revised Code, with all requirements under rule 5101:2-9-02 of the Administrative Code;

(C) Develop a plan of safe care in accordance with the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016," Pub. L. No. 114-198, for an infant born substance exposed as follows:

(1) Assist with the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant and affected family or caregiver;

(2) Develop and implement a program to monitor, support, and connect affected families or caregivers through the provision of and referral to

appropriate services for the infant and affected family or caregiver.

(D) Develop and implement a program for parents and caregivers that, either individually or in a group setting, teaches parenting skills, bonding, and caring for the infant's special needs.

(E) Require both of the following:

(1) Child-care staff, volunteers, and interns in positions responsible for the daily direct care or supervision of children to be at least eighteen years old and have a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence;

(2) Volunteers and interns who are under twenty-one years of age to be supervised.

(F) Request a criminal records check with respect to volunteers and interns in accordance with section 2151.86 of the Revised Code;

(G) Employ registered nurses, patient care assistants, or licensed professional nurses to meet required child-to-staff ratios;

(H) Require the center's peer supporter, family advocate, licensed social worker, licensed independent social worker, licensed professional counselor, or licensed professional clinical counselor to do the following:

(1) Provide wraparound services to affected family and caregivers;

(2) Coordinate and cooperate with any transferring hospital, public children services agency, and private child placing agency;

(3) Refer affected families or caregivers to appropriate community agencies and services for support and aftercare;

(4) Follow up with affected families and caregivers following the infant's discharge.

(I)(1) Encourage employee-supervised dyad care and permit one of the infant's parents or caregivers to room-in with the infant for bonding and education;

(2) Provide the following for dyad care and rooming-in:

(a) A single bed and all necessary bed sheets, pillow cases, pillows, and blankets;

(b) All meals and snacks, which shall be provided in a designated family kitchen area if the center has such an area;

(c) A minimum of one private shower and toilet for the use of the parents or caregivers who are rooming-in.

(3) Notify the parent or caregiver that the center's rules and policies shall be followed or rooming-in may be restricted or canceled.

(J) Have one bathing room for every six infants that includes a minimum of one hip level bathtub with hot and cold water, one changing station, and a door with a full-length glass window for safety and

observation;

(K) Meet the child-to-staff ratio of at least one awake child-care staff on duty at all times for every five infants;

(L) Use cribs and other infant sleep products that meet the United States consumer product safety commission's safety standards for safe sleep;

(M) Follow the department of ~~health's~~ children and youth's safe sleep education program recommendations established under section ~~3701.66~~ 5180.16 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.6011. (A) A residential infant care center shall not be required to do the following:

(1) Provide toilets or potty chairs for infants.

(2) Comply with the following rules:

(a) Paragraph (E) of rule 5101:2-5-09 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Paragraphs (N) and (P) to (R) of rule 5101:2-9-03 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Rule 5101:2-9-19 of the Administrative Code.

(d) Paragraphs (A) to (H) of rule 5101:2-9-20 of the Administrative Code.

(e) Rules 5101:2-9-21 and 5101:2-9-22 of the Administrative Code.

(f) Paragraphs (D) to (F) of rule 5101:2-9-26 of the Administrative Code.

(g) Paragraphs (B), (D), (F), (G), (J), (K), (M) to (Q), and (S) of rule 5101:2-9-28 of the Administrative Code.

(h) Rules 5101:2-9-29, 5101:2-9-38, and 5101:2-9-40 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Require registered nurses and licensed professional nurses employed by the center to comply with the requirements under paragraph (M)(3) of rule 5101:2-9-02 and paragraphs (J) to (L) of rule 5101:2-9-03 of the Administrative Code.

(B) The provisions of this section do not apply on and after the date the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth adopts rules regarding certification under section 5103.6018 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.6015. The department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a federal grant under the "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act," 42 U.S.C. 5116, and the "Family First Prevention Services Act," 42 U.S.C. 50711, 50723, and 50741 to assist residential infant care centers certified under section 5103.603 of the Revised Code in providing temporary residential and other care to infants.

Sec. 5103.6017. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth

may suspend or revoke a residential infant care center's certificate pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the center violates or fails to comply with any of the requirements under sections 5103.608 to 5103.6012 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, the rules adopted under section 5103.6018 of the Revised Code or division (H) of section 5103.13 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.6018. The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the certification of residential infant care centers.

Sec. 5103.611. A person who holds an active license to operate a children's crisis care facility under section 5103.13 of the Revised Code or a residential infant care center under section 5103.602 of the Revised Code may apply to the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ to obtain a certificate as a family preservation center under this section.

Sec. 5103.612. (A) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall certify the person's family preservation center if the center complies with all of the requirements imposed under section 5103.614 of the Revised Code and all of the rules adopted under section 5103.617 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director shall not issue a waiver to a person of compliance with any of the requirements imposed under this section or any of the rules adopted under section 5103.617 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.615. The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ may suspend or revoke a family preservation center's certificate pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the center violates or fails to comply with section 5103.614 of the Revised Code or any of the rules adopted under section 5103.617 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.617. Not later than ninety days ~~after the effective date of this section~~ June 13, 2022, the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the certification of family preservation centers.

Sec. 5104.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrator" means the person responsible for the daily operation of a center, type A home, or approved child day camp. The administrator and the owner may be the same person.

(B) "Approved child day camp" means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Authorized representative" means an individual employed by a center, type A home, or approved child day camp that is owned by a person other than an individual and who is authorized by the owner to do all of the following:

- (1) Communicate on the owner's behalf;
- (2) Submit on the owner's behalf applications for licensure or approval;
- (3) Enter into on the owner's behalf provider agreements for publicly funded child care.

(D) "Border state child care provider" means a child care provider that is located in a state bordering Ohio and that is licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by that state to provide child care funded by the child care block grant act.

(E) "Career pathways model" means an alternative pathway to meeting the requirements to be a child-care staff member or administrator that does both of the following:

- (1) Uses a framework approved by the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth to document formal education, training, experience, and specialized credentials and certifications;

- (2) Allows the child-care staff member or administrator to achieve a designation as an early childhood professional level one, two, three, four, five, or six.

(F) "Caretaker parent" means the father or mother of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a person who has legal custody of a child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a guardian of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, and any other person who stands in loco parentis with respect to the child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child.

(G) "Chartered nonpublic school" means a school that meets standards for nonpublic schools prescribed by the state board of education for nonpublic schools pursuant to section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Child" includes an infant, toddler, preschool-age child, or school-age child.

(I) "Child care block grant act" means the "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014," 128 Stat. 1971 (2014), 42 U.S.C. 9858, as amended.

(J) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than twelve hours per day and no more than fifteen weeks during the summer. For purposes of this division, the maximum twelve hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a child's home.

(K) "Child care" means all of the following:

- (1) Administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age

children, and school-age children outside of school hours;

(2) By persons other than their parents, guardians, or custodians;

(3) For part of the twenty-four-hour day;

(4) In a place other than a child's own home, except that an in-home aide provides child care in the child's own home;

(5) By a provider required by this chapter to be licensed or approved by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, certified by a county department of job and family services, or under contract with the department to provide publicly funded child care as described in section 5104.32 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Child day-care center" and "center" mean any place that is not the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven or more children at one time. "Child day-care center" and "center" do not include any of the following:

(1) A place located in and operated by a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, in which the needs of children are administered to, if all the children whose needs are being administered to are monitored under the on-site supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and the services are provided only for children who, in the opinion of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, are exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease or other illness or are injured;

(2) A child day camp;

(3) A place that provides care, if all of the following apply:

(a) An organized religious body provides the care;

(b) A parent, custodian, or guardian of at least one child receiving care is on the premises and readily accessible at all times;

(c) The care is not provided for more than thirty days a year;

(d) The care is provided only for preschool-age and school-age children.

(M) "Child care resource and referral service organization" means a community-based nonprofit organization that provides child care resource and referral services but not child care.

(N) "Child care resource and referral services" means all of the following services:

(1) Maintenance of a uniform data base of all child care providers in the community that are in compliance with this chapter, including current occupancy and vacancy data;

(2) Provision of individualized consumer education to families seeking

child care;

(3) Provision of timely referrals of available child care providers to families seeking child care;

(4) Recruitment of child care providers;

(5) Assistance in developing, conducting, and disseminating training for child care professionals and provision of technical assistance to current and potential child care providers, employers, and the community;

(6) Collection and analysis of data on the supply of and demand for child care in the community;

(7) Technical assistance concerning locally, state, and federally funded child care and early childhood education programs;

(8) Stimulation of employer involvement in making child care more affordable, more available, safer, and of higher quality for their employees and for the community;

(9) Provision of written educational materials to caretaker parents and informational resources to child care providers;

(10) Coordination of services among child care resource and referral service organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services if required by the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth;

(11) Cooperation with the county department of job and family services in encouraging the establishment of parent cooperative child care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes.

(O) "Child-care staff member" means an employee of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator, authorized representative, or owner may be a child-care staff member when not involved in other duties.

(P) "Drop-in child day-care center," "drop-in center," "drop-in type A family day-care home," and "drop-in type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for children on a temporary, irregular basis.

(Q) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp;

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp.

(R) "Employer" means a person, firm, institution, organization, or

agency that operates a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp subject to licensure or approval under this chapter.

(S) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(T) "Head start program" means a school-readiness program that satisfies all of the following:

(1) Is for children from birth to age five who are from low-income families;

(2) Receives funds distributed under the "Improving Head Start for School-Readiness Act of 2007," 42 U.S.C. 9831, as amended;

(3) Is licensed as a child care program.

(U) "Homeless child care" means child care provided to a child who satisfies any of the following:

(1) Is homeless as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11302;

(2) Is a homeless child or youth as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11434a;

(3) Resides temporarily with a caretaker in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or is determined by a county department of job and family services to be homeless.

(V) "Income" means gross income, as defined in section 5107.10 of the Revised Code, less any amounts required by federal statutes or regulations to be disregarded.

(W) "Indicator checklist" means an inspection tool, used in conjunction with an instrument-based program monitoring information system, that contains selected licensing requirements that are statistically reliable indicators or predictors of a child day-care center's type A family day-care home's, or licensed type B family day-care home's compliance with licensing requirements.

(X) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

(Y) "In-home aide" means a person who does not reside with the child but provides care in the child's home and is certified by a county director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care to a child in a child's own home pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(Z) "Instrument-based program monitoring information system" means a method to assess compliance with licensing requirements for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family

day-care homes in which each licensing requirement is assigned a weight indicative of the relative importance of the requirement to the health, growth, and safety of the children that is used to develop an indicator checklist.

(AA) "License capacity" means the maximum number in each age category of children who may be cared for in a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home at one time as determined by the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth considering building occupancy limits established by the department of commerce, amount of available indoor floor space and outdoor play space, and amount of available play equipment, materials, and supplies.

(BB) "Licensed child care program" means any of the following:

(1) A child day-care center licensed by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth pursuant to this chapter;

(2) A type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home licensed by the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth pursuant to this chapter;

(3) A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program.

(CC) "Licensed preschool program" or "licensed school child program" means a preschool program or school child program, as defined in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the department of ~~education~~ children and youth pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Licensed type B family day-care home" and "licensed type B home" mean a type B family day-care home for which there is a valid license issued by the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family-services~~ youth pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

(EE) "Licensee" means the owner of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home that is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who is responsible for ensuring compliance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(FF) "Operate a child day camp" means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

(GG) "Owner" includes a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or government entity.

(HH) "Parent cooperative child day-care center," "parent cooperative center," "parent cooperative type A family day-care home," and "parent cooperative type A home" mean a corporation or association organized for providing educational services to the children of members of the corporation or association, without gain to the corporation or association as an entity, in

which the services of the corporation or association are provided only to children of the members of the corporation or association, ownership and control of the corporation or association rests solely with the members of the corporation or association, and at least one parent-member of the corporation or association is on the premises of the center or type A home during its hours of operation.

(II) "Part-time child day-care center," "part-time center," "part-time type A family day-care home," and "part-time type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for not more than four hours a day for any child or not more than fifteen consecutive weeks per year, regardless of the number of hours per day.

(JJ) "Place of worship" means a building where activities of an organized religious group are conducted and includes the grounds and any other buildings on the grounds used for such activities.

(KK) "Preschool-age child" means a child who is three years old or older but is not a school-age child.

(LL) "Protective child care" means publicly funded child care for the direct care and protection of a child to whom all of the following apply:

(1) A case plan has been prepared and maintained for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code.

(2) The case plan indicates a need for protective care.

(3) The child resides with a parent, stepparent, guardian, or another person who stands in loco parentis as defined in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code.

(MM) "Publicly funded child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen during any part of the twenty-four-hour day by persons other than their caretaker parents for remuneration wholly or in part with federal or state funds, including funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX, distributed by the department of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~.

(NN) "Religious activities" means any of the following: worship or other religious services; religious instruction; Sunday school classes or other religious classes conducted during or prior to worship or other religious services; youth or adult fellowship activities; choir or other musical group practices or programs; meals; festivals; or meetings conducted by an organized religious group.

(OO) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old or, in the case of a child who is receiving special needs child care,

is less than eighteen years old.

(PP) "Serious risk noncompliance" means a licensure or certification rule violation that leads to a great risk of harm to, or death of, a child, and is observable, not inferable.

(QQ) "Special needs child care" means child care provided to a child who is less than eighteen years of age and either has one or more chronic health conditions or does not meet age appropriate expectations in one or more areas of development, including social, emotional, cognitive, communicative, perceptual, motor, physical, and behavioral development and that may include on a regular basis such services, adaptations, modifications, or adjustments needed to assist in the child's function or development.

(RR) "Title IV-A" means Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended.

(SS) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 1397, as amended.

(TT) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.

(UU) "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" mean the permanent residence of the administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time or a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care is provided for four to twelve children at one time if four or more children at one time are under two years of age. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the type A home shall be counted. "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" do not include any child day camp.

(VV) "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" mean a permanent residence of the provider in which care is provided for one to six children at one time and in which no more than three children are under two years of age at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to the provider and who are on the premises of the type B home shall be counted. "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" do not include any child day camp.

Sec. 5104.013. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means either of the following:

(a) A person who is under final consideration for appointment to or employment in a position with a licensed preschool program or licensed

school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or child day camp;

(b) A person who would serve in any position with a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or child day camp pursuant to a contract with another entity.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) At the times specified in division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check for each of the following persons:

(a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;

(b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;

(c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;

(d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;

(e) Any in-home aide;

(f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.

(2)(a) The director shall request a criminal records check at the following times:

(i) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(ii) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;

(iii) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care and every five years thereafter;

(iv) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

(v) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(a)(vi) of this section, in the

case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

(vi) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after a review of a criminal records check within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(b) A criminal records check requested at the time of initial application shall include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(c) A criminal records check requested at any time other than the time of initial application may include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(3) With respect to a criminal records check requested for a person described in division (B)(1) of this section, the director of ~~job~~ children and family services ~~youth~~ shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to the person a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the person;

(c) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(d) Review the results of the criminal records check.

(4) A person who receives from the director a copy of the form and standard impression sheet and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all of the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the

person, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the director of children and youth or a county director of job and family services may consider the failure a reason to deny licensure, approval, or certification or to determine an employee ineligible for employment.

(5) Except as provided in rules adopted under division (F) of this section:

(a) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program, and shall revoke a license or approval, and a county director of job and family services shall not certify an in-home aide and shall revoke a certification, if a person for whom a criminal records check was required under division (B)(1)(a) to (B)(1)(e) of this section has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(b) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall not issue a license to a type A home or type B home if a resident of the type A home or type B home is under eighteen years of age and has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing either a violation of any section listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or an offense of another state or the United States that is substantially equivalent to an offense listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(c) The director shall determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(6) Each child day-care center, type A home, type B home, approved child day camp, licensed child care program, licensed school child program, and in-home aide shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (B) of this section.

A center, home, camp, preschool program, or school child program may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount the center, home, camp, or program pays under this section. If a fee is charged, the center, home, camp, or program shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment

of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the center, home, camp, or program will not consider the applicant for employment.

(7) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (B) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The report shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the criminal records check.

(C)(1) At the times specified in division (C)(2) of this section, the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall search the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system for information concerning any abuse or neglect report made pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code of which any of the following persons is a subject:

- (a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;
- (c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;
- (d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;
- (e) Any in-home aide;
- (f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.

(2) The director shall search the information system at the following times:

- ~~(i)~~(a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;
- ~~(ii)~~(b) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;
- ~~(iii)~~(c) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or

licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care and every five years thereafter;

~~(iv)~~(d) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(v)~~(e) Except as provided in division ~~(C)(2)(a)(vi)~~(C)(2)(f) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

~~(vi)~~(f) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after a search of the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(3) The director shall consider any information discovered pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section or that is provided by a public children services agency pursuant to section 5153.175 of the Revised Code. If the director determines that the information, when viewed within the totality of the circumstances, reasonably leads to the conclusion that the person may directly or indirectly endanger the health, safety, or welfare of children, the director of children and youth or county director of job and family services shall do any of the following:

(a) Refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program;

(b) Revoke a license or approval;

(c) Refuse to certify an in-home aide or revoke a certification;

(d) Determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment with the center, type A home, licensed type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program.

(4) Any information obtained under division (C) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The information shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the search or the person's representative, the director of ~~job~~ children and family services youth, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the search.

(D)(1) At the times specified in division (D)(2) of this section, the

director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall inspect the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established under section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and the national sex offender registry as described in 42 U.S.C. 16901 to determine if any of the following persons is registered or required to be registered as an offender:

- (a) Any owner or licensee of a child day-care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or licensed type B family day-care home and any person eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home;
- (c) Any owner of an approved child day camp;
- (d) Any director of a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care;
- (e) Any in-home aide;
- (f) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care.

(2) The director shall inspect each registry at the following times:

~~(i)~~(a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child day-care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

~~(ii)~~(b) In the case of an owner of an approved child day camp, at the time of initial application for approval and every five years thereafter;

~~(iii)~~(c) In the case of a director of a licensed child care program or licensed school child program, at the time of initial application to provide publicly funded child care;

~~(iv)~~(d) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(v)~~(e) Except as provided in division (D)(2)~~(a)~~~~(vi)~~(f) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

~~(vi)~~(f) In the case of an applicant who has been determined eligible for employment after an inspection of the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established under section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and the national sex offender registry as described in 42 U.S.C. 16901 within the past five years and who has been employed by a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp within

the past one hundred eighty consecutive days, every five years after the date of the initial determination.

(3) If the director determines that the person is registered or required to be registered on either registry, the director of children and youth or county director of job and family services shall do any of the following:

(a) Refuse to issue a license to or approve a center, type A home, type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program;

(b) Revoke a license or approval;

(c) Refuse to certify an in-home aide or revoke a certification;

(d) Determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment with the center, type A home, licensed type B home, child day camp, preschool program, or school child program.

(4) Any information obtained under division (D) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The information shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the inspection or the person's representative, the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, the director of a county department of job and family services, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of licensure, approval, or certification related to the search.

(E) Whenever the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth determines a person ineligible for employment under division (B), (C), or (D) of this section, the director shall as soon as practicable notify the following of that determination: the licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-care center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp that is considering the person for appointment or employment. A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, child day-center, type A family day-care home, licensed type B family day-care home, or approved child day camp shall not employ a person who is determined under this section to be ineligible for employment.

(F)(1) An administrator of a child day camp, other than an approved child day camp shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check for any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of the child day camp. The request shall be made at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter.

(2) A criminal records check requested at the time of initial application

shall include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(3) A criminal records check requested at any time other than the time of initial application may include a request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check for the person, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 for the person subject to the criminal records check.

(4) With respect to a criminal records check requested under division (F) of this section, the administrator shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to the applicant or employee a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the applicant or employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation;

(d) Review the results of the criminal records check.

(5) An applicant or employee who receives from the administrator a copy of the form and standard impression sheet and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all of the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the person's fingerprints. If the applicant or employee, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the person's fingerprints, the administrator may consider the failure a reason to determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment.

(6) A child day camp, other than an approved child day camp, may employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the camp receives the results of the check. Until the administrator has reviewed the results of the criminal records check and determines that the applicant or employee is eligible for employment, the camp shall not grant the applicant or employee

sole responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child. If the results indicate that the applicant or employee is ineligible for employment, the camp shall immediately release the applicant or employee from employment.

(7) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the administrator shall determine an applicant or employee ineligible for employment if the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the violations described in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. If the applicant or employee is determined ineligible, the child day camp shall not employ the applicant or employee or contract with another entity for the services of the applicant or employee.

(8) Each child day camp shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon a request made pursuant to division (F) of this section. A camp may charge an applicant or employee a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under division (F) of this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the fees the camp pays under this section. If a fee is charged, the camp shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the camp will not consider the applicant for employment.

(9) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under division (F) of this section is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The report shall not be made available to any person other than the person who is the subject of the criminal records check or the person's representative, the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~, the administrator, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial or revocation of registration related to the criminal records check.

(G) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~ shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify exceptions to the prohibitions in ~~division~~ divisions (B), (E), and (F) of this section for a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a criminal offense listed in division (A)(5) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the director.

(H)(1) Whenever the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~

requests a criminal records check, searches the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system, or inspects the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders and national sex offender registry as required by this section and finds that a person who is subject to the requirements of division (B), (C), or (D) of this section resided in another state during the previous five years, the director shall request the following from the other state: a criminal records check and information from the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system or state registry of sex offenders.

(2) Whenever the director receives from an agency of another state a request for a criminal records check or for information from the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system or state registry of sex offenders that is related to a child care license or the provision of publicly funded child care, the director shall provide to that other state's agency the results of the records check and information from the system and registry.

Sec. 5104.015. The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of child day-care centers, including parent cooperative centers, part-time centers, and drop-in centers. The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care and shall include specific rules for school-age child care centers that are developed in consultation with the department of education. The rules shall include the following:

(A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the center proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the center are safe and sanitary including the physical environment, the physical plant, and the equipment of the center;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible. As used in this division, "program" does not include instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values that is conducted at child day-care centers

owned and operated by churches and does include methods of disciplining children at child day-care centers.

- (E) Admissions policies and procedures;
- (F) Health care policies and procedures, including procedures for the isolation of children with communicable diseases;
- (G) First aid and emergency procedures;
- (H) Procedures for discipline and supervision of children;
- (I) Standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks;
- (J) Procedures for screening children that may include any necessary physical examinations and shall include immunizations in accordance with section 5104.014 of the Revised Code;
- (K) Procedures for screening employees that may include any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;
- (L) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the center and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that responsibilities of parents and employees are met;
- (M) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the center while under the care of a center employee;
- (N) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;
- (O) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;
- (P) Inspection procedures;
- (Q) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;
- (R) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about centers;
- (S) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;
- (T) Minimum qualifications for employment as an administrator or child-care staff member;
- (U) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members, including training in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention;
- (V) Standards providing for the needs of children who have disabilities or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the center;
- (W) A procedure for reporting of injuries of children that occur at the center;
- (X) Standards for licensing child day-care centers for children with short-term illnesses and other temporary medical conditions;

(Y) Minimum requirements for instructional time for child day-care centers rated through the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code;

(Z) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding child day-care centers.

Sec. 5104.016. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth, in addition to the rules adopted under section 5104.015 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for child day-care centers. The rules shall include the requirements set forth in sections 5104.032 to 5104.034 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 5104.07 of the Revised Code, the rules shall not change the square footage requirements of section 5104.032 of the Revised Code or the maximum number of children per child-care staff member and maximum group size requirements of section 5104.033 of the Revised Code. However, the rules shall provide procedures for determining compliance with those requirements.

Sec. 5104.017. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the operation of type A family day-care homes, including parent cooperative type A homes, part-time type A homes, and drop-in type A homes. The rules shall reflect the various forms of child care and the needs of children receiving child care. The rules shall include the following:

(A) Submission of a site plan and descriptive plan of operation to demonstrate how the type A home proposes to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter for the initial license application;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the physical surroundings of the type A home are safe and sanitary, including the physical environment, the physical plant, and the equipment of the type A home;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type A home;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies, to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;

(E) Admissions policies and procedures;

(F) Health care policies and procedures, including procedures for the isolation of children with communicable diseases;

(G) First aid and emergency procedures;

- (H) Procedures for discipline and supervision of children;
- (I) Standards for the provision of nutritious meals and snacks;
- (J) Procedures for screening children, including any necessary physical examinations and the immunizations required pursuant to section 5104.014 of the Revised Code;
- (K) Procedures for screening employees, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;
- (L) Methods for encouraging parental participation in the type A home and methods for ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and employees are protected and that the responsibilities of parents and employees are met;
- (M) Procedures for ensuring the safety and adequate supervision of children traveling off the premises of the type A home while under the care of a type A home employee;
- (N) Procedures for record keeping, organization, and administration;
- (O) Procedures for issuing, denying, and revoking a license that are not otherwise provided for in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;
- (P) Inspection procedures;
- (Q) Procedures and standards for setting initial license application fees;
- (R) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints about type A homes;
- (S) Procedures for enforcing section 5104.04 of the Revised Code;
- (T) A standard requiring the inclusion of a current department of ~~job~~ children and family services youth toll-free telephone number on each type A home license that any person may use to report a suspected violation by the type A home of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;
- (U) Requirements for the training of administrators and child-care staff members in first aid, in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, and in child abuse recognition and prevention;
- (V) Standards providing for the needs of children who have disabilities or who require treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type A home;
- (W) Standards for the maximum number of children per child-care staff member;
- (X) Requirements for the amount of usable indoor floor space for each child;
- (Y) Requirements for safe outdoor play space;
- (Z) Qualifications and training requirements for administrators and for child-care staff members;
- (AA) Procedures for granting a parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, or a custodian or guardian access to the type A home during

its hours of operation;

(BB) Minimum requirements for instructional time for type A homes rated through the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code;

(CC) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding type A homes.

Sec. 5104.018. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the licensure of type B family day-care homes. The rules shall provide for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in a licensed type B family day-care home and shall include all of the following:

(A) Requirements for the type B home to notify parents with children in the type B home that the type B home is certified as a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(B) Standards for ensuring that the type B home and the physical surroundings of the type B home are safe and sanitary, including physical environment, physical plant, and equipment;

(C) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the home;

(D) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;

(E) Admission policies and procedures;

(F) Health care, first aid and emergency procedures;

(G) Procedures for the care of sick children;

(H) Procedures for discipline and supervision of children;

(I) Nutritional standards;

(J) Procedures for screening children, including any necessary physical examinations and the immunizations required pursuant to section 5104.014 of the Revised Code;

(K) Procedures for screening administrators and employees, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(L) Methods of encouraging parental participation and ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and administrators are protected and the responsibilities of parents and administrators are met;

(M) Standards for the safe transport of children when under the care of administrators;

- (N) Procedures for issuing, denying, or revoking licenses;
- (O) Procedures for the inspection of type B homes that require, at a minimum, that each type B home be inspected prior to licensure to ensure that the home is safe and sanitary;
- (P) Procedures for record keeping and evaluation;
- (Q) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints;
- (R) Standards providing for the needs of children who have disabilities or who receive treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving child care or publicly funded child care in the type B home;
- (S) Requirements for the amount of usable indoor floor space for each child;
- (T) Requirements for safe outdoor play space;
- (U) Qualification and training requirements for administrators;
- (V) Procedures for granting a parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, or a custodian or guardian access to the type B home during its hours of operation;
- (W) Requirements for the type B home to notify parents with children in the type B home that the type B home is certified as a foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;
- (X) Minimum requirements for instructional time for type B homes rated through the step up to quality program established pursuant to section 5104.29 of the Revised Code;
- (Y) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding licensure of type B homes.

Sec. 5104.019. The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the certification of in-home aides. The rules shall provide for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own home and shall include the following:

- (A) Standards for ensuring that the child's home and the physical surroundings of the child's home are safe and sanitary, including physical environment, physical plant, and equipment;
- (B) Standards for the supervision, care, and discipline of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own home;
- (C) Standards for a program of activities, and for play equipment, materials, and supplies to enhance the development of each child; however, any educational curricula, philosophies, and methodologies that are developmentally appropriate and that enhance the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child shall be permissible;
- (D) Health care, first aid, and emergency procedures, procedures for the

care of sick children, procedures for discipline and supervision of children, nutritional standards, and procedures for screening children and in-home aides, including any necessary physical examinations and immunizations;

(E) Methods of encouraging parental participation and ensuring that the rights of children, parents, and in-home aides are protected and the responsibilities of parents and in-home aides are met;

(F) Standards for the safe transport of children when under the care of in-home aides;

(G) Procedures for issuing, renewing, denying, refusing to renew, or revoking certificates;

(H) Procedures for inspection of homes of children receiving publicly funded child care in their own homes;

(I) Procedures for record keeping and evaluation;

(J) Procedures for receiving, recording, and responding to complaints;

(K) Qualifications and training requirements for in-home aides;

(L) Standards providing for the special needs of children who are handicapped or who receive treatment for health conditions while the child is receiving publicly funded child care in the child's own home;

(M) Any other procedures and standards necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter regarding certification of in-home aides.

Sec. 5104.0111. (A) The director of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide or make available in either paper or electronic form to each licensee notice of proposed rules governing the licensure of child day-care centers, type A homes, and type B homes;

(2) Give public notice of hearings regarding the proposed rules at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing, in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) At least thirty days before the effective date of a rule, provide, in either paper or electronic form, a copy of the adopted rule to each licensee;

(4) Send to each county director of job and family services a notice of proposed rules governing the certification of in-home aides that includes an internet web site address where the proposed rules can be viewed;

(5) Provide to each county director of job and family services an electronic copy of each adopted rule at least forty-five days prior to the rule's effective date;

(6) Review all rules adopted pursuant to this chapter at least once every seven years.

(B) The county director of job and family services shall provide or make available in either paper or electronic form to each in-home aide copies of

proposed rules and shall give public notice of hearings regarding the rules to each in-home aide at least thirty days prior to the date of the public hearing, in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. At least thirty days before the effective date of a rule, the county director of job and family services shall provide, in either paper or electronic form, copies of the adopted rule to each in-home aide.

(C) Additional copies of proposed and adopted rules shall be made available by the director of job children and family-services youth to the public on request at no charge.

(D) The director of job children and family-services youth may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for imposing sanctions on persons and entities that are licensed or certified under this chapter. Sanctions may be imposed only for an action or omission that constitutes a serious risk noncompliance. The sanctions imposed shall be based on the scope and severity of the violations.

The director shall make a dispute resolution process available for the implementation of sanctions. The process may include an opportunity for appeal pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) The director of job children and family-services youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards for the training of individuals who inspect or investigate type B family day-care homes pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The department shall provide training in accordance with those standards for individuals in the categories described in this division.

Sec. 5104.0112. Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code, the director of job children and family-services youth shall not regulate in any way under this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, instruction in religious or moral doctrines, beliefs, or values.

Sec. 5104.02. (A) The director of job children and family-services youth is responsible for licensing child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and type B family day-care homes. Each entity operating a head start program shall meet the criteria for, and be licensed as, a child day-care center. The director is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and of rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day-care center or type A family day-care home without a license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The current license shall be posted in the center or home in a conspicuous place that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees of the center or home at all times when the center or home is in

operation.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

(1) A program caring for children that operates for two consecutive weeks or less and not more than six weeks total in each calendar year;

(2) Caring for children in places of worship during religious activities while at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of each child is participating in such activities and is readily available;

(3) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children in specific areas, including, but not limited to: art; drama; dance; music; athletic skills or sports; computers; or an educational subject conducted on an organized or periodic basis that a child does not attend for more than eight total hours per week;

(4) Programs in which the director determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child who is not an employee of the facility engaged in employment duties is on the premises of the facility that offers care and is readily accessible at all times;

(5) Programs that provide care and are regulated by state departments other than the department of job children and family services youth or the state board of education.

(6) Any preschool program or school child program, except a head start program, that is subject to licensure by the department of education children and youth under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(7) Any program providing care that meets all of the following requirements and, on October 20, 1987, was being operated by a nonpublic school that holds a charter issued by the state board of education for kindergarten only:

(a) The nonpublic school has given the notice to the state board and the director of job children and family services youth required by Section 4 of Substitute House Bill No. 253 of the 117th general assembly;

(b) The nonpublic school continues to be chartered by the state board for kindergarten, or receives and continues to hold a charter from the state board for kindergarten through grade five;

(c) The program is conducted in a school building;

(d) The program is operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the ~~state board~~ department of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.

(8) A youth development program operated outside of school hours to which all of the following apply:

(a) The children enrolled in the program are under nineteen years of age

and enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above.

(b) The program provides informal care, which is care that does not require parental signature, permission, or notice for the child receiving the care to enter or leave the program.

(c) The program provides any of the following supervised activities: educational, recreational, culturally enriching, social, and personal development activities.

(d) The entity operating the program is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).

(9) A preschool program operated by a nonchartered, nontax-supported school if the preschool program meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The program complies with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.

(b) The program annually certifies in a report to the parents of its pupils that the school is in compliance with division (B)(9)(a) of this section and files a copy of the report with the department of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year.

(c) The program complies with all applicable reporting requirements in the same manner as required by the state board of education for nonchartered, nonpublic primary and secondary schools.

(d) The program is associated with a nonchartered, nontax-supported primary or secondary school.

(10) A program that provides activities for children who are five years of age or older and is operated by a county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.021. The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth may issue a child day-care center or type A family day-care home license to a youth development program that is exempted by division (B)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code from the requirements of this chapter if the youth development program applies for and meets all of the requirements for the license.

Sec. 5104.022. In no case shall the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth issue a license to operate a type A family day-care home if the type A home is certified as a foster home or specialized foster home pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the Revised Code. In no case shall the director issue a license to operate a type B family day-care home if the type B home is certified as a specialized foster home pursuant to Chapter 5103. of the

Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.03. (A) As used in this section, "owner" has the same meaning as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, except that "owner" also includes a firm, organization, institution, or agency, as well as any individual governing board members, partners, or authorized representatives of the owner.

(B) Any person, firm, organization, institution, or agency seeking to establish a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home shall apply for a license to the director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth on such form as the director prescribes. The director shall provide at no charge to each applicant for licensure a copy of the child care license requirements in this chapter and a copy of the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. The copies may be provided in paper or electronic form.

Fees shall be set by the director pursuant to sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code and shall be paid at the time of application for a license to operate a center, type A home, or type B home. Fees collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(C)(1) Upon filing of the application for a license, the director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the center, type A home, or type B home and to determine whether the center, type A home, or type B home complies with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. When, after investigation and inspection, the director is satisfied that this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to it are complied with, subject to division (G) of this section, a license shall be issued as soon as practicable in such form and manner as prescribed by the director. The license shall be designated as provisional and shall be valid for at least twelve months from the date of issuance and until the continuous license is issued or until the provisional license is revoked or suspended pursuant to section 5104.042 of the Revised Code.

(2) The director may contract with a government entity or a private nonprofit entity for the entity to inspect type A or type B family day-care homes pursuant to this section. If the director contracts with a government entity or private nonprofit entity for that purpose, the entity may contract with another government entity or private nonprofit entity for the other entity to inspect type A or type B homes pursuant to this section. The director, government entity, or private nonprofit entity shall conduct an inspection prior to the issuance of a license for a type A or type B home and,

as part of that inspection, ensure that the home is safe and sanitary.

(D) The director shall investigate and inspect the center, type A home, or type B home at least once during operation under a license designated as provisional. If after the investigation and inspection the director determines that the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are met, subject to division (G) of this section, the director shall issue a continuous license to the center or home.

(E) Each license shall state the name of the licensee, the name of the administrator, the address of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, and the license capacity for each age category of children. The license shall include thereon, in accordance with sections 5104.015, 5104.017, and 5104.018 of the Revised Code, the toll-free telephone number to be used by persons suspecting that the center, type A home, or licensed type B home has violated a provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. A license is valid only for the licensee, administrator, address, and license capacity for each age category of children designated on the license. The license capacity specified on the license is the maximum number of children in each age category that may be cared for in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home at one time.

A center or home licensee shall notify the director in writing when the administrator, address, or license capacity of the center or home changes. The director shall amend the current license to reflect a change in any of the following:

(1) An administrator, if the administrator meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(2) Address, if the new address meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(3) License capacity for any age category of children as determined by the director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services youth~~.

(F) If the director revokes the license of a center, a type A home, or a type B home, the director shall not issue another license to the owner of the center, type A home, or type B home until five years have elapsed from the date the license is revoked.

If the director denies an application for a license, the director shall not consider another application from the applicant until five years have elapsed from the date the application is denied.

(G)(1) Except as provided in division (G)(2) of this section, all actions of the director with respect to licensing centers, type A homes, or type B homes, refusal to license, and revocation of a license shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division

(G)(2) of this section, any applicant who is denied a license or any owner whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(2) The following actions by the director are not subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(a) The director ceases its review of an application because the owner of a center, type A home, or type B home sought a license before five years had elapsed from the date the previous license was revoked and the director does not issue the license.

(b) The director ceases its review of an application because the applicant applied for licensure before five years had elapsed from the date the previous application was denied and the director does not issue the license.

(c) The director closes a license because the director has determined that the center, type A home, or type B home is no longer operating at the address stated on the license and did not notify the director of the address change as described in division (E) of this section.

(H) In no case shall the director issue a license under this section for a center, type A home, or type B home if the director, based on documentation provided by the appropriate county department of job and family services, determines that the applicant had been certified as an in-home aide, that the county department revoked that certification within the immediately preceding five years, that the revocation was based on the applicant's refusal or inability to comply with the criteria for certification, and that the refusal or inability resulted in a risk to the health or safety of children.

(I) An owner of a type B family day-care home that receives a license pursuant to this section is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth.

Sec. 5104.034. Each child day-care center shall have on the center premises and readily available at all times at least one child-care staff member who has completed a course in first aid, one staff member who has completed a course in prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases which is approved by the state department of health, and a staff member who has completed a course in child abuse recognition and prevention training which is approved by the department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth.

Sec. 5104.038. The administrator of each child day-care center shall maintain enrollment, health, and attendance records for all children attending the center and health and employment records for all center employees. The records shall be confidential, except that they shall be disclosed by the administrator to the director of children and youth upon

request for the purpose of administering and enforcing this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Neither the center nor the licensee, administrator, or employees of the center shall be civilly or criminally liable in damages or otherwise for records disclosed to the director by the administrator pursuant to this division. It shall be a defense to any civil or criminal charge based upon records disclosed by the administrator to the director that the records were disclosed pursuant to this division.

Sec. 5104.04. (A) The department of ~~job children and family services~~ youth shall establish procedures to be followed in investigating, inspecting, and licensing child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes.

(B)(1)(a) The department shall, at least once during every twelve-month period of operation of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, inspect the center, type A home, or licensed type B home. The department shall inspect a part-time center or part-time type A home at least once during every twelve-month period of operation. The department shall provide a written inspection report to the licensee within a reasonable time after each inspection.

Inspections may be unannounced. No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall interfere with the inspection of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home by any state or local official engaged in performing duties required of the state or local official by this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, including inspecting the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, reviewing records, or interviewing licensees, employees, children, or parents.

(b) Upon receipt of any complaint that a center, type A home or licensed type B home is out of compliance with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department shall investigate the center or home, and both of the following apply:

(i) If the complaint alleges that a child suffered physical harm while receiving child care at the center or home or that the noncompliance alleged in the complaint involved, resulted in, or poses a substantial risk of physical harm to a child receiving child care at the center or home, the department shall inspect the center or home.

(ii) If division (B)(1)(b)(i) of this section does not apply regarding the complaint, the department may inspect the center or home.

(c) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not limit, restrict, or negate any duty of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed type B home that otherwise is imposed under this section, or any authority of the department to inspect a center, type A home, or licensed type B home

that otherwise is granted under this section.

(2) If the department implements an instrument-based program monitoring information system, it may use an indicator checklist to comply with division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) The department may deny an application or revoke a license of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home, if the applicant knowingly submits falsified information to the department or if the center or home does not comply with the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(D) If the department finds, after notice and hearing pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that any applicant, person, firm, organization, institution, or agency applying for licensure or licensed under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code is in violation of any provision of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department may issue an order of denial to the applicant or an order of revocation to the center, type A home, or licensed type B home revoking the license previously issued by the department. Upon the issuance of such an order, the person whose application is denied or whose license is revoked may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The surrender of a center, type A home, or licensed type B home license to the department or the withdrawal of an application for licensure by the owner or administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall not prohibit the department from instituting any of the actions set forth in this section.

(F) Whenever the department receives a complaint, is advised, or otherwise has any reason to believe that a center or type A home is providing child care without a license issued pursuant to section 5104.03 and is not exempt from licensing pursuant to section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, the department shall investigate the center or type A home and may inspect the areas children have access to or areas necessary for the care of children in the center or type A home during suspected hours of operation to determine whether the center or type A home is subject to the requirements of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(G) The department, upon determining that the center or type A home is operating without a license, shall notify the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the center or type A home is located, or the city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the center or type A home is located, that the center or type A home is operating without a license. Upon receipt of the notification, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, village solicitor, or

other chief legal officer of a municipal corporation shall file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county in which the center or type A home is located requesting that the court grant an order enjoining the owner from operating the center or type A home in violation of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code. The court shall grant such injunctive relief upon a showing that the respondent named in the complaint is operating a center or type A home and is doing so without a license.

(H) The department shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The department shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

Sec. 5104.041. (A) All type A family day-care homes and licensed type B family day-care homes shall procure and maintain one of the following:

(1) Liability insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this state under Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code insuring the type A or type B family day-care home against liability arising out of, or in connection with, the operation of the family day-care home. The insurance procured shall cover any cause for which the type A or type B family day-care home would be liable, in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars per occurrence and three hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate.

(2) A written statement signed by the parent, guardian, or custodian of each child receiving child care from the type A or type B family day-care home that states all of the following:

(a) The family day-care home does not carry liability insurance described in division (A)(1) of this section;

(b) If the licensee of a type A family day-care home or a type B family day-care home is not the owner of the real property where the family day-care home is located, the liability insurance, if any, of the owner of the real property may not provide for coverage of any liability arising out of, or in connection with, the operation of the family day-care home.

(B) If the licensee of a type A family day-care home or a type B family day-care home is not the owner of the real property where the family day-care home is located and the family day-care home procures liability insurance described in division (A)(1) of this section, that licensee shall name the owner of the real property as an additional insured party on the liability insurance policy if all of the following apply:

(1) The owner of the real property requests the licensee or provider, in

writing, to add the owner of the real property to the liability insurance policy as an additional insured party.

(2) The addition of the owner of the real property does not result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the insurance policy procured by the type A or type B family day-care home.

(3) The owner of the real property pays any additional premium assessed for coverage of the owner of the real property.

(C) Proof of insurance or written statement required under division (A) of this section shall be maintained at the type A or type B family day-care home and made available for review during inspection or investigation as required under this chapter.

(D) The director of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules for the enforcement of this section.

Sec. 5104.042. (A) The department of ~~job children~~ and ~~family services~~ youth may suspend, without a prior hearing, the license of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home if any of the following occur:

(1) A child dies or suffers a serious injury while receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home.

(2) A public children services agency receives a report pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code, and the person alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on the child who is the subject of the report is any of the following:

(a) The owner, licensee, or administrator of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home;

(b) An employee of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home who has not immediately been placed on administrative leave or released from employment;

(c) Any person who resides in the type A home or licensed type B home.

(3) An owner, licensee, administrator, or employee of the center, type A home, or licensed type B home, or a resident of the type A home or licensed type B home is charged by an indictment, information, or complaint with an offense relating to the abuse or neglect of a child.

(4) The department or a county department of job and family services determines that the center, type A home, or licensed type B home created a serious risk to the health or safety of a child receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home that resulted in or could have resulted in a child's death or injury.

(5) The department determines that the owner or licensee of the center,

type A home, or licensed type B home does not meet the requirements of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department shall issue a written order of suspension and furnish a copy to the licensee either by certified mail or in person as described in section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The licensee may request an adjudicatory hearing before the department pursuant to sections 119.06 to 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any summary suspension imposed under this section shall remain in effect until any of the following occurs:

(1) The public children services agency completes its investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code and determines that all of the allegations are unsubstantiated.

(2) All criminal charges are disposed of through dismissal or a finding of not guilty.

(3) The department issues pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code a final order terminating the suspension.

(D) The center, type A home, or licensed type B home shall not provide child care while the summary suspension remains in effect. Upon issuance of the order of suspension, the licensee shall inform the caretaker parent of each child receiving child care in the center, type A home, or licensed type B home of the suspension.

(E) The director of job children and family-services youth may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing standards and procedures for the summary suspension of licenses.

(F) This section does not limit the authority of the department to revoke a license pursuant to section 5104.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.043. (A) If the department of job children and family-services youth determines that an act or omission of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home constitutes a serious risk noncompliance, the licensee shall notify the caretaker parent of each child receiving care in the center or home of the department's determination.

(B) With respect to the notice required by division (A) of this section, all of the following apply:

(1) The licensee shall notify caretaker parents not later than fifteen business days after the department informs the licensee of the department's determination. If the licensee requests a review of the department's determination, the licensee shall notify caretaker parents not later than five business days after the department has completed its review.

(2) The notice shall include a statement informing each caretaker parent

of the web site maintained by the department and the location of further information regarding the determination.

(3) The licensee may provide written or electronic notice to caretaker parents.

(4) The licensee shall provide a copy of the notice to the department.

(C) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall adopt rules to enforce this section.

(D) The requirements of this section do not apply if the department suspends the license of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home pursuant to section 5104.042 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5104.05. (A) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall issue a license or provisional license for the operation of a child day-care center, if the director finds, after investigation of the applicant and inspection of the center, that other requirements of this chapter, rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter, and the following requirements are met:

(1) The buildings in which the center is housed, subsequent to any major modification, have been approved by the department of commerce or a certified municipal, township, or county building department for the purpose of operating a child day-care center. Any structure used for the operation of a center shall be constructed, equipped, repaired, altered, and maintained in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and with regulations adopted by the board of building standards under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code and this division for the safety and sanitation of structures erected for this purpose.

(2) The state fire marshal or the fire chief or fire prevention officer of the municipal corporation or township in which the center is located has inspected the center annually within the preceding license period and has found the center to be in compliance with rules promulgated by the fire marshal pursuant to section 3737.83 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in a child day-care center.

(3) The center has received a food service operation license under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code if meals are to be served to children other than children of the licensee or administrator, whether or not a consideration is received for the meals.

(B) The director of ~~job~~ children and ~~family services~~ youth shall issue a license or provisional license for the operation of a type A family day-care home, if the director finds, after investigation of the applicant and inspection of the type A home, that other requirements of this chapter, rules