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A BILL

To enact sections 5103.57, 5103.58, and 5103.59 of 1
the Revised Code regarding qualifications for 2
professional treatment staff. 3

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

Section 1. That sections 5103.57, 5103.58, and 5103.59 of 4
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5103.57. As used in sections 5103.58 and 5103.59 of 6
the Revised Code: 7

(A) "Professional treatment staff" means a specialized 8
foster home program agency employee or contractor with 9
responsibility for any of the following: 10

(1) Providing rehabilitative services to a child placed in 11
a specialized foster home program or to the child's family; 12

(2) Conducting home studies as an assessor for specialized 13
foster homes; 14

(3) Providing clinical direction to specialized foster 15

<u>caregivers;</u>	16
<u>(4) Supervision of treatment team leaders.</u>	17
<u>(B) "Specialized foster home" has the same meaning as in</u>	18
<u>section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.</u>	19
<u>Sec. 5103.58. (A) Professional treatment staff employed by</u>	20
<u>a public children services agency who are not subject to the</u>	21
<u>licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code</u>	22
<u>shall meet the requirements of sections 5153.112 and 5153.122 of</u>	23
<u>the Revised Code.</u>	24
<u>(B) (1) Professional treatment staff employed by a private</u>	25
<u>child placing agency or private noncustodial agency who are not</u>	26
<u>subject to the licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the</u>	27
<u>Revised Code shall meet the requirements of:</u>	28
<u>(a) Section 5153.112 of the Revised Code; and</u>	29
<u>(b) Section 5153.122 of the Revised Code, except that,</u>	30
<u>with respect to the training requirements during the first year</u>	31
<u>of continuous employment, staff shall be required to have</u>	32
<u>training only in the courses described in divisions (A), (B),</u>	33
<u>(C), (G), (H), (J), and (L) of that section and only for the</u>	34
<u>number of hours needed to complete those courses.</u>	35
<u>(2) Subject to divisions (B) (3) and (4) of this section,</u>	36
<u>the training required under division (B) (1) of this section may</u>	37
<u>be offered by a private child placing agency, private</u>	38
<u>noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization.</u>	39
<u>(3) Prior to the department of job and family services</u>	40
<u>establishing a training program under section 5103.59 of the</u>	41
<u>Revised Code, training that meets the requirements described in</u>	42
<u>division (B) (1) of this section may be offered only upon</u>	43

approval by the department. The department shall approve or 44
disapprove a program not later than sixty days after the program 45
is submitted for approval. 46

(4) A private child placing agency, private noncustodial 47
agency, or qualified nonprofit organization shall cease to 48
provide a training program approved under division (B)(3) of 49
this section once the department establishes a training program 50
described in section 5103.59 of the Revised Code, after which 51
all training shall be provided by the department only. 52

Sec. 5103.59. The department of job and family services 53
shall work with private child placing agencies and private 54
noncustodial agencies to establish a comprehensive, competency- 55
based professional treatment staff training program for 56
employees of private child placing agencies and private 57
noncustodial agencies that meets the requirements of division 58
(B)(1) of section 5103.58 of the Revised Code. 59