

AN ACT

To amend sections 109.57, 121.086, 3310.41, 3310.52, 3310.58, 3313.5319, 3319.31, 3319.313, and 5104.013 to enact sections 3310.582 and 3313.5313 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 265.330 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to make changes to the education law regarding teacher licensure, hiring, conduct, professional development stipends, interscholastic athletics, school-event ticket pricing, school funding calculations, special needs scholarship program service providers, background checks for private before and after school care program staff, and the High School Financial Literacy Fund; and to amend the version of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 109.57, 121.086, 3310.41, 3310.52, 3310.58, 3313.5319, 3319.31, 3319.313, and 5104.013 be amended and sections 3310.582 and 3313.5313 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.57. (A)(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall procure from wherever procurable and file for record photographs, pictures, descriptions, fingerprints, measurements, and other information that may be pertinent of all persons who have been convicted of committing within this state a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(4)(a), or (A)(6)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, of all children under eighteen years of age who have been adjudicated delinquent children for committing within this state an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult or who have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing within this state a felony or an offense of violence, and of all well-known and habitual criminals. The person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution and the person in charge of any state institution having custody of a person suspected of having committed a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(4)(a), or (A)(6)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or having custody of a child under eighteen years of age with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall furnish such material

to the superintendent of the bureau. Fingerprints, photographs, or other descriptive information of a child who is under eighteen years of age, has not been arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence who is not in any other category of child specified in this division, if committed by an adult, has not been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing a felony or an offense of violence, and is not a child with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall not be procured by the superintendent or furnished by any person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution, except as authorized in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code.

(2) Every clerk of a court of record in this state, other than the supreme court or a court of appeals, shall send to the superintendent of the bureau a weekly report containing a summary of each case involving a felony, involving any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, involving a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(4)(a), or (A)(6)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, or involving an adjudication in a case in which a child under eighteen years of age was alleged to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall include in the report and summary the clerk sends under this division all information described in divisions (A)(2)(a) to (f) of this section regarding a case before the court of appeals that is served by that clerk. The summary shall be written on the standard forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section and shall include the following information:

(a) The incident tracking number contained on the standard forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(b) The style and number of the case;

(c) The date of arrest, offense, summons, or arraignment;

(d) The date that the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense, adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, found not guilty of the offense, or found not to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, the date of an entry dismissing the charge, an entry declaring a mistrial of the offense in which the person is discharged, an entry finding that the person or child is not competent to stand trial, or an entry of a nolle prosequi, or the date of any other determination that constitutes final resolution of the case;

(e) A statement of the original charge with the section of the Revised Code that was alleged to be violated;

(f) If the person or child was convicted, pleaded guilty, or was adjudicated a delinquent

child, the sentence or terms of probation imposed or any other disposition of the offender or the delinquent child.

If the offense involved the disarming of a law enforcement officer or an attempt to disarm a law enforcement officer, the clerk shall clearly state that fact in the summary, and the superintendent shall ensure that a clear statement of that fact is placed in the bureau's records.

(3) The superintendent shall cooperate with and assist sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officers in the establishment of a complete system of criminal identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other means of identification of all persons arrested on a charge of a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a), (A)(4)(a), or (A)(6)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and of all children under eighteen years of age arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The superintendent also shall file for record the fingerprint impressions of all persons confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution for the violation of state laws and of all children under eighteen years of age who are confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution or in any facility for delinquent children for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, and any other information that the superintendent may receive from law enforcement officials of the state and its political subdivisions.

(4) The superintendent shall carry out Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code with respect to the registration of persons who are convicted of or plead guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and with respect to all other duties imposed on the bureau under that chapter.

(5) The bureau shall perform centralized recordkeeping functions for criminal history records and services in this state for purposes of the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code and is the criminal history record repository as defined in that section for purposes of that compact. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee is the compact officer for purposes of that compact and shall carry out the responsibilities of the compact officer specified in that compact.

(6) The superintendent shall, upon request, assist a county coroner in the identification of a deceased person through the use of fingerprint impressions obtained pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section or collected pursuant to section 109.572 or 311.41 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent shall prepare and furnish to every county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution and to every clerk of a court in this state specified in division (A)(2) of this section standard forms for reporting

the information required under division (A) of this section. The standard forms that the superintendent prepares pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible formats and electronic formats.

(C)(1) The superintendent may operate a center for electronic, automated, or other data processing for the storage and retrieval of information, data, and statistics pertaining to criminals and to children under eighteen years of age who are adjudicated delinquent children for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, criminal activity, crime prevention, law enforcement, and criminal justice, and may establish and operate a statewide communications network to be known as the Ohio law enforcement gateway to gather and disseminate information, data, and statistics for the use of law enforcement agencies and for other uses specified in this division. The superintendent may gather, store, retrieve, and disseminate information, data, and statistics that pertain to children who are under eighteen years of age and that are gathered pursuant to sections 109.57 to 109.61 of the Revised Code together with information, data, and statistics that pertain to adults and that are gathered pursuant to those sections.

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall gather information of the nature described in division (C)(1) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency history of a person who has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for inclusion in the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders maintained pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code and in the internet database operated pursuant to division (A)(13) of that section and for possible inclusion in the internet database operated pursuant to division (A)(11) of that section.

(3) In addition to any other authorized use of information, data, and statistics of the nature described in division (C)(1) of this section, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee may provide and exchange the information, data, and statistics pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy compact as described in division (A)(5) of this section.

(4) The Ohio law enforcement gateway shall contain the name, confidential address, and telephone number of program participants in the address confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to 111.47 of the Revised Code.

(5) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing guidelines for the operation of and participation in the Ohio law enforcement gateway. The rules may include criteria for granting and restricting access to information gathered and disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway. The attorney general shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that grant access to information in the gateway regarding an address confidentiality program participant under sections 111.41 to 111.47 of the Revised Code to only chiefs of police, village marshals, county sheriffs, county prosecuting attorneys, and a designee of each of these individuals. The attorney general shall permit an office of a county coroner, the state medical board, and board of nursing to access and view, but not alter, information gathered and

disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway.

The attorney general may appoint a steering committee to advise the attorney general in the operation of the Ohio law enforcement gateway that is comprised of persons who are representatives of the criminal justice agencies in this state that use the Ohio law enforcement gateway and is chaired by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

(D)(1) The following are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code:

(a) Information and materials furnished to the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section;

(b) Information, data, and statistics gathered or disseminated through the Ohio law enforcement gateway pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section;

(c) Information and materials furnished to any board or person under division (F) or (G) of this section.

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall gather and retain information so furnished under division (A) of this section that pertains to the offense and delinquency history of a person who has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense for the purposes described in division (C)(2) of this section.

(E)(1) The attorney general shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and subject to division (E)(2) of this section, setting forth the procedure by which a person may receive or release information gathered by the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service. If a temporary employment service submits a request for a determination of whether a person the service plans to refer to an employment position has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, the request shall be treated as a single request and only one fee shall be charged.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or division (E)(3) or (4) of this section, a rule adopted under division (E)(1) of this section may provide only for the release of information gathered pursuant to division (A) of this section that relates to the conviction of a person, or a person's plea of guilty to, a criminal offense or to the arrest of a person as provided in division (E)(3) of this section. The superintendent shall not release, and the attorney general shall not adopt any rule under division (E)(1) of this section that permits the release of, any information gathered pursuant to division (A) of this section that relates to an adjudication of a child as a delinquent child, or that relates to a criminal conviction of a person under eighteen years of age if the person's case was transferred back to a juvenile court under division (B)(2) or (3) of section 2152.121 of the Revised Code and the juvenile court imposed a disposition or serious youthful offender disposition upon the person under either division, unless either of the following applies with respect to the adjudication or conviction:

(a) The adjudication or conviction was for a violation of section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the

Revised Code.

(b) The adjudication or conviction was for a sexually oriented offense, the juvenile court was required to classify the child a juvenile offender registrant for that offense under section 2152.82, 2152.83, or 2152.86 of the Revised Code, that classification has not been removed, and the records of the adjudication or conviction have not been sealed or expunged pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358 or sealed or expunged pursuant to section 2953.32 of the Revised Code.

(3) A rule adopted under division (E)(1) of this section may provide for the release of information gathered pursuant to division (A) of this section that relates to the arrest of a person who is eighteen years of age or older when the person has not been convicted as a result of that arrest if any of the following applies:

(a) The arrest was made outside of this state.

(b) A criminal action resulting from the arrest is pending, and the superintendent confirms that the criminal action has not been resolved at the time the criminal records check is performed.

(c) The bureau cannot reasonably determine whether a criminal action resulting from the arrest is pending, and not more than one year has elapsed since the date of the arrest.

(4) A rule adopted under division (E)(1) of this section may provide for the release of information gathered pursuant to division (A) of this section that relates to an adjudication of a child as a delinquent child if not more than five years have elapsed since the date of the adjudication, the adjudication was for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult, the records of the adjudication have not been sealed or expunged pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358 of the Revised Code, and the request for information is made under division (F) of this section or under section 109.572 of the Revised Code. In the case of an adjudication for a violation of the terms of community control or supervised release, the five-year period shall be calculated from the date of the adjudication to which the community control or supervised release pertains.

(F)(1) As used in division (F)(2) of this section, "head start agency" means an entity in this state that has been approved to be an agency for purposes of subchapter II of the "Community Economic Development Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended.

(2)(a) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 109.572, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, division (C) of section 3310.58, or section 3319.39, 3319.391, 3327.10, 3740.11, 5104.013, 5123.081, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code or that is made under section 3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of the Revised Code, the board of education of any school district; the director of developmental disabilities; any county board of developmental disabilities; any provider or subcontractor as defined in section 5123.081 of the Revised Code; the chief administrator of any chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of a registered private provider that is not also a chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of any home health agency; the chief administrator of or person operating any child care center, type A family child care home, or type B family child care home licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code; the chief administrator of or person operating any authorized private before and after school care program; the

chief administrator of any head start agency; the executive director of a public children services agency; a private company described in section 3314.41, 3319.392, 3326.25, or 3328.20 of the Revised Code; or an employer described in division (J)(2) of section 3327.10 of the Revised Code may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in any position after October 2, 1989, or any individual wishing to apply for employment with a board of education may request, with regard to the individual, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual. On receipt of the request, subject to division (E)(2) of this section, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, upon request of the person, board, or entity requesting information, also shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to that individual. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee also may request criminal history records from other states or the federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within thirty days of the date that the superintendent receives a request, subject to division (E)(2) of this section, the superintendent shall send to the board, entity, or person a report of any information that the superintendent determines exists, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, subject to division (E)(2) of this section, shall send the board, entity, or person a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

(b) When a board of education or a registered private provider is required to receive information under this section as a prerequisite to employment of an individual pursuant to division (C) of section 3310.58 or section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, it may accept a certified copy of records that were issued by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and that are presented by an individual applying for employment with the district in lieu of requesting that information itself. In such a case, the board shall accept the certified copy issued by the bureau in order to make a photocopy of it for that individual's employment application documents and shall return the certified copy to the individual. In a case of that nature, a district or provider only shall accept a certified copy of records of that nature within one year after the date of their issuance by the bureau.

(c) Notwithstanding division (F)(2)(a) of this section, in the case of a request under section 3319.39, 3319.391, or 3327.10 of the Revised Code only for criminal records maintained by the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall not determine whether any information gathered under division (A) of this section exists on the person for whom the request is made.

(3) The state board of education or the department of education and workforce may request, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment after October 2, 1989, in any position with the state board or the department of education and workforce, any information that a school district board of education is authorized to request under division (F)(2) of this section, and

the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education under division (F)(2) of this section.

(4) When the superintendent of the bureau receives a request for information under section 3319.291 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education and shall comply with divisions (F)(2)(a) and (c) of this section.

(G) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 3712.09, 3721.121, or 3740.11 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult or adult resident, the chief administrator of a home health agency, hospice care program, home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, or adult day-care program operated pursuant to rules adopted under section 3721.04 of the Revised Code may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied after January 27, 1997, for employment in a position that does not involve providing direct care to an older adult or adult resident, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual.

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 173.27 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing ombudsman services to residents of long-term care facilities or recipients of community-based long-term care services, the state long-term care ombudsman, the director of aging, a regional long-term care ombudsman program, or the designee of the ombudsman, director, or program may request that the superintendent investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in a position that does not involve providing such ombudsman services, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that applicant.

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 173.38 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a direct-care position, the chief administrator of a provider, as defined in section 173.39 of the Revised Code, may request that the superintendent investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in a position that is not a direct-care position, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that applicant.

In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 3712.09 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to a pediatric respite care patient, the chief administrator of a pediatric respite care program may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in a position that does not involve providing direct care to a pediatric respite care patient, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual.

On receipt of a request under this division, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, on request of the individual requesting information, shall also request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to the applicant. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee also may request criminal history records from other states or the federal government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. Within thirty days of the date a request is received, subject to division (E)(2) of this section, the superintendent shall send to the requester a report of any information determined to exist, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, shall send the requester a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

(H) Information obtained by a government entity or person under this section is confidential and shall not be released or disseminated.

(I) The superintendent may charge a reasonable fee for providing information or criminal records under division (F)(2) or (G) of this section.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "Pediatric respite care program" and "pediatric care patient" have the same meanings as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Sexually oriented offense" and "child-victim oriented offense" have the same meanings as in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school or entity registered with the department of education and workforce under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code to participate in the autism scholarship program or section 3310.58 of the Revised Code to participate in the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program.

Sec. 121.086. There is hereby created the high school financial literacy fund, ~~which is in the custody of the treasurer of state, but is separate, apart from, and not a part of~~ in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of any moneys appropriated to it, any interest and earnings from the fund, and any other donations, grants, gifts, or other moneys received. ~~Moneys in the fund may be invested by the treasurer of state in the classifications of obligations set forth in section 135.143 of the Revised Code.~~ All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The director of education and workforce shall ~~be the administrator of the fund and shall use moneys in the fund only for the purposes specified in divisions (B) and (E) of section 3319.239 of the Revised Code and repayment of funds pursuant to Section 3 of S.B. 1 of the 134th general assembly.~~

Sec. 3310.41. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Alternative public provider" means either of the following providers that agrees to enroll a child in the provider's special education program to implement the child's individualized education program or an education plan developed by the school district under division (G) of this section and to which the child's parent owes fees for the services provided to the child:

(a) A school district that is not the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school;

(b) A public entity other than a school district.

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

(3) "Formula ADM" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Preschool child with a disability" and "individualized education program" have the same meanings as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code, except that "parent" does not mean a parent whose custodial rights have been terminated. "Parent" also includes the custodian of a qualified special education child, when a court has granted temporary, legal, or permanent custody of the child to an individual other than either of the natural or adoptive parents of the child or to a government agency.

(6) "Qualified special education child" is a child who either was enrolled in the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school in any grade from preschool through twelve in the school year prior to the year in which a scholarship under this section is first sought for the child or is eligible to enter school in any grade preschool through twelve in the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school in the school year in which a scholarship under this section is first sought for the child and for whom any of the following conditions apply:

(a) The school district in which the child is entitled to attend school has identified the child as autistic. A child who has been identified as having a "pervasive developmental disorder - not otherwise specified (PPD-NOS)" shall be considered to be an autistic child for purposes of this section.

(b) The school district in which the child is entitled to attend school has developed an individualized education program under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code for the child that includes services related to autism.

(c) The child has been diagnosed as autistic by a physician or psychologist.

(7) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school or other nonpublic entity that has been approved by the department of education and workforce to participate in the program established under this section.

(8) "Special education program" means a school or facility that provides special education and related services to children with disabilities.

(B) There is hereby established the autism scholarship program. Under the program, the department shall pay a scholarship under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to the parent of each qualified special education child upon application of that parent pursuant to procedures and deadlines established by rule of the department. Each scholarship shall be used only to pay tuition for the child on whose behalf the scholarship is awarded to attend a special education program that implements the child's individualized education program or education plan and that is operated by an

alternative public provider or by a registered private provider, and to pay for other services agreed to by the provider and the parent of a qualified special education child that are not included in the individualized education program or education plan but are associated with educating the child. Upon agreement with the parent of a qualified special education child, the alternative public provider or the registered private provider may modify the services provided to the child. The purpose of the scholarship is to permit the parent of a qualified special education child the choice to send the child to a special education program, instead of the one operated by or for the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, to receive the services prescribed in the child's individualized education program or education plan once the individualized education program or education plan is finalized and any other services agreed to by the provider and the parent of a qualified special education child. The services provided under the scholarship shall include an educational component or services designed to assist the child to benefit from the child's education.

Services provided through the program established under this section may be provided virtually by qualified, credentialed providers in accordance with standards established by the department.

A scholarship under this section shall not be awarded to the parent of a child while the child's individualized education program is being developed by the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, or while any administrative or judicial mediation or proceedings with respect to the content of the child's individualized education program are pending. A scholarship under this section shall not be used for a child to attend a public special education program that operates under a contract, compact, or other bilateral agreement between the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school and another school district or other public provider, or for a child to attend a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. However, nothing in this section or in any rule adopted by the department shall prohibit a parent whose child attends a public special education program under a contract, compact, or other bilateral agreement, or a parent whose child attends a community school, from applying for and accepting a scholarship under this section so that the parent may withdraw the child from that program or community school and use the scholarship for the child to attend a special education program for which the parent is required to pay for services for the child.

Except for development of the child's individualized education program or education plan, the school district in which a qualified special education child is entitled to attend school and the child's school district of residence, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, if different, are not obligated to provide the child with a free appropriate public education under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code for as long as the child continues to attend the special education program operated by either an alternative public provider or a registered private provider for which a scholarship is awarded under the autism scholarship program. If at any time, the eligible applicant for the child decides no longer to accept scholarship payments and enrolls the child in the special education program of the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, that district

shall provide the child with a free appropriate public education under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

A child attending a special education program with a scholarship under this section shall continue to be entitled to transportation to and from that program in the manner prescribed by law.

(C) As prescribed in division (A)(2)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, a child who is not a preschool child with a disability for whom a scholarship is awarded under this section shall be counted in the formula ADM of the district in which the child is entitled to attend school and not in the formula ADM of any other school district.

(D) A scholarship shall not be paid under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to a parent for payment of tuition owed to a nonpublic entity unless that entity is a registered private provider. The department shall approve entities that meet the standards established by rule of the department for the program established under this section.

(E) The department shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing procedures necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to, procedures and deadlines for parents to apply for scholarships, standards for registered private providers, and procedures for approval of entities as registered private providers.

The rules also shall specify that intervention services under the autism scholarship program may be provided by a qualified, credentialed provider, including an educator or substitute teacher licensed by the state board of education, and shall additionally include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) A behavior analyst certified by a nationally recognized organization that certifies behavior analysts;

(2) A psychologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(3) An independent school psychologist or school psychologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(4) Any person employed by a licensed psychologist, licensed independent school psychologist, or licensed school psychologist, while carrying out specific tasks, under the licensee's supervision, as an extension of the licensee's legal and ethical authority as specified under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code who is ascribed as "psychology trainee," "psychology assistant," "psychology intern," or other appropriate term that clearly implies their supervised or training status;

(5) Unlicensed persons holding a doctoral degree in psychology or special education from a program approved by the department;

(6) A "registered behavior technician" as described under rule 5123-9-41 of the Administrative Code working under the supervision and following the intervention plan of a certified Ohio behavior analyst or a behavior analyst certified by a nationally recognized organization that certifies behavior analysts;

(7) A "certified Ohio behavior analyst" under Chapter 4783. of the Revised Code;

(8) An occupational therapist or physical therapist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(9) A speech-language pathologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;

(10) An intervention specialist who holds a valid license issued by the state board;

(11) A literacy intervention specialist certified through pathways recognized by the Ohio dyslexia committee established by section 3323.25 of the Revised Code. To the extent that certification for any of the following positions is approved by the Ohio dyslexia committee under section 3323.25 of the Revised Code, literary intervention specialists may include:

(a) A structured literacy dyslexia interventionist;

(b) A structured literacy dyslexia specialist;

(c) A certified academic language practitioner;

(d) A certified academic language therapist.

(12) Any other qualified individual as determined by the department.

(F) The department shall provide reasonable notice to all parents of children receiving a scholarship under the autism scholarship program, alternative public providers, and registered private providers of any amendment to a rule governing, or change in the administration of, the autism scholarship program.

(G) If a child qualifies for the autism scholarship program pursuant to a diagnosis under division (A)(6)(c) of this section and does not have an individualized education program that includes services related to autism, the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school shall develop an education plan for the child.

(H) Not later than the thirtieth day of June each year, each alternative public provider and registered private provider enrolling students receiving autism scholarships shall submit to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, the tuition rates charged by the provider for the following school year.

(I) The department shall not require the parent of a student who applies for or receives a scholarship under this section to complete any kind of income verification regarding the student's family income.

Sec. 3310.52. (A) The Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is hereby established. Under the program, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, subject to division (B) of this section, the department of education and workforce annually shall pay a scholarship under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to an eligible applicant for services provided by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider for a qualified special education child. The scholarship shall be used only to pay all or part of the fees for the child to attend the special education program operated by the alternative public provider or registered private provider to implement the child's individualized education program, in lieu of the child's attending the special education program operated by the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, and other services

agreed to by the provider and eligible applicant that are not included in the individualized education program but are associated with educating the child. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, if the child is receiving special education services for a disability specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, the scholarship shall be used only to pay for related services that are included in the child's individualized education program. Upon agreement with the eligible applicant, the alternative public provider or registered private provider may modify the services provided to the child.

Services provided through the program established under this section may be provided virtually by qualified, credentialed providers in accordance with standards established by the department.

(B) The number of scholarships awarded under the program in any fiscal year shall not exceed five per cent of the total number of students residing in the state identified as children with disabilities during the previous fiscal year.

(C) The department shall pay a scholarship under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code to the parent of each qualified special education child, unless the parent authorizes a direct payment to the child's provider, upon application of that parent in the manner prescribed by the department. However, the department shall not adopt specific dates for application deadlines for scholarships under the program.

(D) The department shall not require the parent of a student who applies for or receives a scholarship under this section to complete any kind of income verification regarding the student's family income.

Sec. 3310.58. No nonpublic school or entity shall receive payments from an eligible applicant for services for a qualified special education child under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program until the school or entity registers with the department of education and workforce. The department shall register and designate as a registered private provider any nonpublic school or entity that meets the following requirements:

(A) The school or entity complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C. 2000d, regardless of whether the school or entity receives federal financial assistance.

(B) If the school or entity is not chartered by the director of education and workforce under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code, the school or entity agrees to comply with sections 3319.39, 3319.391, and 3319.392 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.

(C) The teaching and nonteaching professionals employed by the school or entity, or employed by any subcontractors of the school or entity, hold appropriate credentials determined by the state board of education to be appropriate for the qualified special education children enrolled in and the services provided through the special education program it operates. The list of professionals who hold appropriate credentials to provide services under a special education program include all of the following:

(1) A behavior analyst certified by a nationally recognized organization that certifies

behavior analysts:

(2) A psychologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(3) An independent school psychologist or school psychologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(4) Any person employed by a licensed psychologist, licensed independent school psychologist, or licensed school psychologist, while carrying out specific tasks, under the licensee's supervision, as an extension of the licensee's legal and ethical authority as specified under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code who is ascribed as "psychology trainee," "psychology assistant," "psychology intern," or other appropriate term that clearly implies their supervised or training status;

(5) An unlicensed person holding a doctoral degree in psychology or special education from a program approved by the department;

(6) A registered behavior technician as described in rule 5123-9-41 of the Administrative Code working under the supervision and following the intervention plan of a certified Ohio behavior analyst or behavior analyst certified by a nationally recognized organization that certifies behavior analysts;

(7) A certified Ohio behavior analyst under Chapter 4783. of the Revised Code;

(8) An occupational therapist or physical therapist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(9) A speech-language pathologist licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;

(10) An intervention specialist who holds a valid license issued by the state board;

(11) A literacy intervention specialist certified through pathways recognized by the Ohio dyslexia committee established by section 3323.25 of the Revised Code. To the extent that certification for any of the following positions is approved by the Ohio dyslexia committee under section 3323.25 of the Revised Code, literary intervention specialists may include:

(a) A structured literacy dyslexia interventionist;

(b) A structured literacy dyslexia specialist;

(c) A certified academic language practitioner;

(d) A certified academic language therapist.

(12) Any other qualified individual as determined by the department.

(D) The school's or entity's educational program shall be approved by the department.

(E) The school or entity meets applicable health and safety standards established by law.

(F) The school or entity agrees to retain on file documentation as required by the department.

(G) The school or entity agrees to provide a record of the implementation of the individualized education program for each qualified special education child enrolled in the school's or entity's special education program, including evaluation of the child's progress, to the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school, in the form and manner prescribed by the

department.

(H) The school or entity agrees that, if it declines to enroll a particular qualified special education child, it will notify in writing the eligible applicant of its reasons for declining to enroll the child.

Sec. 3310.582. Any registered private provider approved to participate in the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program and any of its employees shall be subject to a criminal records check as specified in sections 109.57 and 109.572 of the Revised Code. The registered private provider shall submit the results of any records checks to the department of education and workforce. The department shall use the information submitted to enroll the individual for whom a records check is completed in the retained applicant fingerprint database, established under section 109.5721 of the Revised Code, in the same manner as any teacher licensed under sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.5313. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" has the same meaning as in section 3313.666 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Home-educated student" means a student who is receiving home education in accordance with section 3321.042 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Qualifying offense" means any of the following:

(a) An offense of violence;

(b) A violation of section 2907.07 of the Revised Code;

(c) An attempt to commit an offense of violence or a violation of section 2907.07 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Qualifying school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, a chartered nonpublic school, or a nonchartered nonpublic school.

(5) "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 superintendent of any school district may afford any home-educated student or any student enrolled in a qualifying school or a different school district, regardless of whether the superintendent's district is the student's resident district, the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school of the superintendent's district, if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer or another student from the district or school in which the student is enrolled or the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under section 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312 of the Revised Code:

(1) Harassment, intimidation, or bullying;

(2) A qualifying offense, for which the school official, employee, or volunteer or another student has been either of the following:

(a) Charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing;

(b) Alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing.

(3) Conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the state board of education.

(C) The chief administrative officer of any qualifying school may afford any student enrolled in a school district, any student enrolled in a different qualifying school, or any home-educated student the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at the chief administrative officer's school, if the student was subject to any of the following by a school official, employee, or volunteer or another student from the district or school in which the student is enrolled or the district in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics under section 3313.537, 3313.5311, or 3313.5312 of the Revised Code:

(1) Harassment, intimidation, or bullying;

(2) A qualifying offense, for which the school official, employee, or volunteer or another student has been either of the following:

(a) Charged with, indicted for, convicted of, or pled guilty to committing;

(b) Alleged to be or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing.

(3) Conduct by a school official, employee, or volunteer that violates the licensure code of professional conduct for Ohio educators developed by the state board of education.

(D) To participate in interscholastic athletics under this section, a student who is not a home-educated student shall be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the superintendent of the district or the chief administrative officer of the qualifying school, for the school at which the student participates in interscholastic athletics and shall fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant.

(E) Divisions (C) to (E) of section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code apply to a home-educated student who participates in interscholastic athletics at school under this section.

(F) No district or school shall impose additional rules on a student to participate under this section that do not apply to other students participating in the same interscholastic athletics activity. No district or school shall impose fees for a student to participate under this section that exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the same interscholastic athletics activity.

(G) No school district board of education, STEM school governing body, or governing authority of a community school, chartered nonpublic school, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall take any action contrary to the provisions of this section.

(H) No school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall do either of the following:

(1) Require a student who is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics under this section to meet eligibility requirements that conflict with this section;

(2) Penalize or restrict the eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics of a student who, during a school year, ceases to participate in interscholastic athletics at one district or school and then begins to participate in interscholastic athletics at a different district or school under this

section.

Sec. 3313.5319. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Qualifying school" means ~~a~~ both of the following:

(a) A school district or chartered nonpublic school that elects to participate in athletic events regulated by an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates either interscholastic conferences or interscholastic athletic competition among member schools;

(b) An interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates either interscholastic conferences or interscholastic athletic competition among member schools.

(2) "School-affiliated event" means an athletic event, play, musical, or any other school-related event or activity that a ~~district or~~ qualifying school conducts, sponsors, or participates in and for which a ~~district or~~ qualifying school charges admission to attend. "School-affiliated event" does not include any event or activity that is conducted in a public facility that is leased by a professional sports team or a ~~privately-owned~~ privately owned facility.

(B) Each qualifying school shall permit an individual to pay cash for a ticket to a school-affiliated event. If a qualifying school does not accept cash payment from an individual who wishes to purchase a ticket to an event on the date of that event, the school shall grant that individual a free ticket if there are still tickets available and the individual demonstrates that the individual has enough cash to cover the full cost of the ticket.

(C) A qualifying school shall not establish different prices for tickets for a school-affiliated event based on whether those tickets are purchased using cash or any other payment method, except that the school may charge a processing fee for any ticket purchased online or by credit card.

(D) A qualifying school shall charge a student enrolled in any school participating in a school-affiliated event a ticket price that is less than the ticket price the school charges for an adult for the same event.

(E) Each qualifying school that offers concessions for sale at a school-affiliated event shall provide at least one location where an individual may pay cash for concessions and, if concessions are sold on multiple floors, at least one location on each floor that accepts cash payment.

Sec. 3319.31. (A) As used in this section and sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code, "license" means a certificate, license, or permit described in this chapter or in division (B) of section 3301.071 or in section 3301.074 of the Revised Code or a registration described in division (B) of section 3302.151, section 3310.411, or section 3319.221 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any of the following reasons, the state board of education, except as provided in division (H) of this section and in accordance with Chapter 119. and section 3319.311 of the Revised Code, may refuse to issue a license to an applicant; may limit a license it issues to an applicant; may suspend, revoke, or limit a license that has been issued to any person; or may revoke a license that has been issued to any person and has expired:

(1) Engaging in an immoral act, incompetence, negligence, or conduct that is unbecoming to

the applicant's or person's position;

(2) A plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or a conviction of any of the following:

(a) A felony other than a felony listed in division (C) of this section;

(b) An offense of violence other than an offense of violence listed in division (C) of this section;

(c) A theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, other than a theft offense listed in division (C) of this section;

(d) A drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is not a minor misdemeanor, other than a drug abuse offense listed in division (C) of this section;

(e) A violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation that is substantively comparable to an offense listed in divisions (B)(2)(a) to (d) of this section.

(3) A judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code, or agreeing to participate in a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code, or a similar diversion program under rules of a court, for any offense listed in division (B)(2) or (C) of this section;

(4) Failure to comply with section 3314.40, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5502.262 of the Revised Code.

(C) Upon learning of a plea of guilty to, a finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or a conviction of any of the offenses listed in this division by a person who holds a current or expired license or is an applicant for renewal of a license, the state board or the superintendent of public instruction, if the state board has delegated the duty pursuant to division (D) of this section, shall by a written order revoke the person's license or deny renewal of the license to the person. The state board or the superintendent shall revoke a license that has been issued to a person to whom this division applies and has expired in the same manner as a license that has not expired.

Revocation of a license or denial of renewal of a license under this division is effective immediately at the time and date that the board or superintendent issues the written order and is not subject to appeal in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Revocation of a license or denial of renewal of license under this division remains in force during the pendency of an appeal by the person of the plea of guilty, finding of guilt, or conviction that is the basis of the action taken under this division.

The state board or superintendent shall take the action required by this division for a violation of division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 2919.22 of the Revised Code; a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.15, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.241, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.311, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2907.34, 2909.02, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.44, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2917.33, 2919.12, 2919.121,

2919.13, 2921.02, 2921.03, 2921.04, 2921.05, 2921.11, 2921.34, 2921.41, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.161, 2923.17, 2923.21, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.32, 2925.36, 2925.37, 2927.24, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; a violation of section 2907.231 of the Revised Code unless the offender was coerced into committing a violation of that section; 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; felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code; or a violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation that is substantively comparable to an offense listed in this paragraph.

(D) The state board may delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the authority to revoke a person's license or to deny renewal of a license to a person under division (C) or (F) of this section.

(E)(1) If the plea of guilty, finding of guilt, or conviction that is the basis of the action taken under division (B)(2) or (C) of this section, or under the version of division (F) of section 3319.311 of the Revised Code in effect prior to September 12, 2008, is overturned on appeal, upon exhaustion of the criminal appeal, the clerk of the court that overturned the plea, finding, or conviction or, if applicable, the clerk of the court that accepted an appeal from the court that overturned the plea, finding, or conviction, shall notify the state board that the plea, finding, or conviction has been overturned. Within thirty days after receiving the notification, the state board shall initiate proceedings to reconsider the revocation or denial of the person's license in accordance with division (E)(2) of this section. In addition, the person whose license was revoked or denied may file with the state board a petition for reconsideration of the revocation or denial along with appropriate court documents.

(2) Upon receipt of a court notification or a petition and supporting court documents under division (E)(1) of this section, the state board, after offering the person an opportunity for an adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall determine whether the person committed the act in question in the prior criminal action against the person that is the basis of the revocation or denial and may continue the revocation or denial, may reinstate the person's license, with or without limits, or may grant the person a new license, with or without limits. The decision of the board shall be based on grounds for revoking, denying, suspending, or limiting a license adopted by rule under division (G) of this section and in accordance with the evidentiary standards the board employs for all other licensure hearings. The decision of the board under this division is subject to appeal under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(3) A person whose license is revoked or denied under division (C) of this section shall not apply for any license if the plea of guilty, finding of guilt, or conviction that is the basis of the revocation or denial, upon completion of the criminal appeal, either is upheld or is overturned but the state board continues the revocation or denial under division (E)(2) of this section and that

continuation is upheld on final appeal.

(F) The state board may take action under division (B) of this section, and the state board or the superintendent shall take the action required under division (C) of this section, on the basis of substantially comparable conduct occurring in a jurisdiction outside this state or occurring before a person applies for or receives any license.

(G) The state board may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out this section and section 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(H) The state board shall not refuse to issue a license to an applicant because of a conviction of, a plea of guilty to, or a finding of guilt by a jury or court of an offense unless the refusal is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.313. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession" shall be as described in rules adopted by the state board of education.

(2) "Intervention in lieu of conviction" means intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Pre-trial diversion program" means a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code or a similar diversion program under rules of a court.

(B) The superintendent of each school district and each educational service center or the president of the district or service center board, if division (C)(1) of this section applies, and the chief administrator of each chartered nonpublic school or the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the nonpublic school, if division (C)(2) of this section applies, shall promptly submit to the superintendent of public instruction the information prescribed in division (D) of this section when any of the following conditions applies to an employee of the district, service center, or nonpublic school who holds a license issued by the state board of education:

(1) The superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson knows that the employee has pleaded guilty to, has been found guilty by a jury or court of, has been convicted of, has been found to be eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for, or has agreed to participate in a pre-trial diversion program for an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(2) The district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority has initiated termination or nonrenewal proceedings against, has terminated, or has not renewed the contract of the employee because the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator has reasonably determined that the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(3) The employee has resigned or retired under threat of termination or nonrenewal as described in division (B)(2) of this section;

(4) The employee has resigned or retired because of or in the course of an investigation by the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator regarding whether the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(5) The district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority has removed the employee from the list of eligible substitute teachers for the district, service center, or nonpublic school because the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator has reasonably determined that the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession.

(C)(1) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the superintendent or treasurer of a school district or educational service center, the president of the board of education of the school district or of the governing board of the educational service center shall make the report required under this section.

(2) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the chief administrator of a chartered nonpublic school, the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school shall make the report required under this section.

(D) If a report is required under this section, the superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction the name and social security number of the employee about whom the information is required and a factual statement regarding any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section that applies to the employee.

(E) A determination made by the board of education, governing board, chief administrator, or governing authority as described in division (B)(2) of this section or a termination, nonrenewal, resignation, retirement, or other separation described in divisions (B)(2) to ~~(4)-(5)~~ of this section does not create a presumption of the commission or lack of the commission by the employee of an act unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(F) No individual required to submit a report under division (B) of this section shall knowingly fail to comply with that division.

(G) An individual who provides information to the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with this section in good faith shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the provision of that information.

Sec. 5104.013. ~~(A)~~~~(A)~~(1) As used in this section:

~~(1)~~~~(a)~~ "Applicant" means either of the following:

~~(a)~~~~(i)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, or child day camp;

~~(b)~~ (ii) A person who would serve in any position with a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, or child day camp pursuant to a contract with another entity.

~~(2)~~ (b) "Authorized private before and after school care program" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

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

(2) Regarding an authorized private before and after school care program only, "director" means an individual who is responsible for ensuring compliance with this section and any rules adopted under it.

(B)(1) At the times specified in division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the director of job and family services 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 care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;
- (f) Any in-home aide;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(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 care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care

program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter:

(v) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(v)-(vi)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(B)(2)(a)(vi)-(B)(2)(a)(vii)~~ 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)-(vii)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 and family services 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 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 and family services 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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~~ divisions (B)(1)(a) to ~~(B)(1)(e)-(B)(1)(f)~~ 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 and family services 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 care center, type A home, type B home, approved child day camp, licensed child care program, licensed school child program, authorized private before and after school care 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,~~ or authorized private before and after school care 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 and family services, 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 and family services 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 care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;
- (f) Any in-home aide;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, or licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(2) The director shall search the information system at the following times:

- (a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;
- (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;
- (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;
- (d) In the case of an owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;
- (e) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;
- ~~(e)~~ ~~(f)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(C)(2)(f)~~ ~~(C)(2)(g)~~ of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) 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, authorized private before and after school care program.

child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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 and family services, 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 and family services 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 care center;

(b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;

(f) Any in-home aide;

~~(f)~~ (g) Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, or

licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(2) The director shall inspect each registry at the following times:

(a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or type B family child care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(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;

(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;

(d) In the case of an owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(e) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(f)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(D)(2)(f)~~ (D)(2)(g) of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

~~(f)~~ (g) 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 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~~, or authorized private before and after school care 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~~, or authorized private before and after school care 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 and family services, 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 and family services 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 and family services, 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 and family services 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 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 and family services 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.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 109.57, 121.086, 3310.41, 3310.52, 3310.58, 3313.5319, 3319.31, 3319.313, and 5104.013 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That the version of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5104.013. ~~(A)(A)(1)~~ As used in this section:

~~(1)(a)~~ "Applicant" means either of the following:

~~(a)(i)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, or child day camp;

~~(b)(ii)~~ A person who would serve in any position with a licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, or child day camp pursuant to a contract with another entity.

~~(2)(b)~~ "Authorized private before and after school care program" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

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

~~(2)~~ Regarding an authorized private before and after school care program only, "director" means an individual who is responsible for ensuring compliance with this section and any rules adopted under it.

(B)(1) At the times specified in division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the director of children and 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 care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;
- (f) Any in-home aide;
- ~~(g)~~ Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, ~~or~~ licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(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 care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;
- (v) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(vi)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(B)(2)(a)(vi)~~ ~~(B)(2)(a)(vii)~~ 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)~~ ~~(vii)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 children and 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 children and 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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~~ divisions (B)(1)(a) to ~~(B)(1)(e)-(B)(1)(f)~~ 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 children and 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 care center, type A home, type B home, approved child day camp, licensed child care program, licensed school child program, authorized private before and after school care 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~~, or authorized private before and after school care 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 children and 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 children and 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 care center;
- (b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;

~~(f)~~ Any in-home aide;

~~(f)(g)~~ Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, ~~or~~ licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(2) The director shall search the information system at the following times:

(a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(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;

(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;

(d) In the case of an owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(e) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every five years thereafter;

~~(e)(f)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(C)(2)(f)-(C)(2)(g)~~ of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

~~(f)(g)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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, or authorized private before and after school care 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 children and 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 children and 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 care center;

(b) Any owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or licensed type B family child 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 owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program;

(f) Any in-home aide;

~~(g)~~ Any applicant or employee, including an administrator, of a child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child care home, approved child day camp, ~~or~~ licensed preschool program or licensed school child program that provides publicly funded child care, or authorized private before and after school care program.

(2) The director shall inspect each registry at the following times:

(a) In the case of an owner or licensee of child care center or an owner or licensee of a type A family child care home or type B family child care home or a resident of such a home, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(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;

(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;

(d) In the case of an owner or director of an authorized private before and after school care program, at the time of initial application for licensure and every five years thereafter;

(e) In the case of an in-home aide, at the time of initial application for certification and every

five years thereafter;

~~(e)~~~~(f)~~ Except as provided in division ~~(D)(2)(f)~~~~(D)(2)(g)~~ of this section, in the case of an applicant or employee, at the time of initial application for employment and every five years thereafter;

~~(f)~~~~(g)~~ 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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~~, or authorized private before and after school care 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~~, or authorized private before and after school care 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 children and 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 children and 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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, authorized private before and after school care program, child care center, type A family child care home, licensed type B family child 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 children and 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 children and 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 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 children and 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.

SECTION 4. That the existing version of section 5104.013 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect January 1, 2025, or on the effective date of this section, whichever is later.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3317.011 of the Revised Code, for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Department of Education and Workforce shall do all of the following:

(A) Calculate a school district's academic co-curricular activities cost under division (E)(4) of that section using the sum of the enrolled ADM of every school district that reported the data specified in division (E)(4)(a) of that section;

(B) Calculate a district's supplies and academic content cost under division (E)(6) of that section using the sum of the enrolled ADM of every school district that reported the data specified in division (E)(6)(a) of that section;

(C) Calculate a district's athletic co-curricular activities base cost under division (H) of that section using the sum of the enrolled ADM of every school district that reported the data specified in division (H)(2) of that section;

(D) Calculate a district's building operations cost under division (G)(3) of that section using the sum of the enrolled ADM of every city, local, and exempted village school district that reported the data specified in divisions (G)(3)(a)(i) and (ii) of that section.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the Director of Education and Workforce shall request the Director of Budget and Management to transfer up to \$1,500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the High School Financial Literacy Fund. The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the funds at the time requested by the Director of Education and Workforce.

SECTION 8. That Section 265.330 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 265.330. LITERACY IMPROVEMENT

(A)(1) Of the foregoing appropriation items 200566, Literacy Improvement, and 2006A4, Literacy Improvement, a total of up to \$43,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the

Department of Education and Workforce to reimburse school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code for stipends paid under division (A)(3) of this section to teachers to complete professional development in the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction. The Department shall provide professional development courses for this purpose.

(2) Districts and schools shall require all teachers and administrators to complete a course provided by the Department under division (A)(1) of this section not later than June 30, 2025, except that any teacher or administrator who has previously completed similar training, as determined by the Department, shall not be required to complete the course. Teachers shall complete the course at a time that minimizes disruptions to normal instructional hours. Districts and schools shall pay a stipend to each teacher who completes a professional development course under division (A)(2) of this section as follows:

(a) \$1,200 for each of the following:

(i) A teacher of grades ~~kindergarten~~pre-kindergarten through five;

(ii) An English language arts teacher of grades six through twelve;

(iii) An intervention specialist, English learner teacher, reading specialist, or instructional coach who serves any of grades pre-kindergarten through twelve.

(b) \$400 for each teacher who teaches a subject area other than English language arts in grades six through twelve.

(3) Each district or school may apply to the Department, in a manner prescribed by the Department, for reimbursement of the cost of the stipends. The Department shall not reimburse any stipend paid to an administrator to complete a professional development course provided by the Department under division (A)(2) of this section.

(4)(a) The Department of Education and Workforce shall work with the Department of Higher Education, institutions of higher education that offer educator preparation programs, and local professional development committees established under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code to help teachers and administrators who complete a professional development course under division (A)(2) of this section to earn college credit.

(b) The Department of Education and Workforce shall collaborate with the Department of Higher Education and institutions of higher education that offer educator preparation programs to align the coursework of the programs with the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction.

(c) A professional development committee established under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code shall qualify any completed professional development coursework under this section to count towards professional development coursework requirements for teacher licensure renewal.

A professional development committee shall permit a teacher to apply any hours earned over the minimum amount of hours required for professional development coursework for teacher

licensure renewal under this section to the next renewal period for that license.

(B)(1) Of the foregoing appropriation items 200566, Literacy Improvement, and 2006A4, Literacy Improvement, a total of up to \$64,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used by the Department of Education and Workforce to subsidize the cost for school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to purchase high-quality core curriculum and instructional materials in English language arts and evidence-based reading intervention programs from the lists established under section 3313.6028 of the Revised Code.

(2) The Department shall conduct a survey to collect information on the core curriculum and instructional materials in English language arts in grades pre-kindergarten through five and the reading intervention programs in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve that are being used by public schools. Each school district, community school, and STEM school shall participate in the survey and shall provide the information requested by the Department.

(C) Of the foregoing appropriation items 200566, Literacy Improvement, and 2006A4, Literacy Improvement, a total of up to \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and a total of up to \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for coaches to provide literacy supports to school districts, community schools, and STEM schools with the lowest rates of proficiency in literacy based on their performance on the English language arts assessments prescribed under section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The coaches shall have training in the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction and intervention and shall implement Ohio's Coaching Model, as described in Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement. The coaches shall be under the direction of the Department but shall not be employed by the Department.

(D) The remainder of the foregoing appropriation items 200566, Literacy Improvement, and 2006A4, Literacy Improvement, shall be used by the Department of Education and Workforce to support early literacy activities to align state, local, and federal efforts in order to bolster all students' reading success. Funds shall be distributed to educational service centers to establish and support regional literacy professional development teams consistent with section 3312.01 of the Revised Code. A portion of the funds may be used by the Department for program administration, monitoring, technical assistance, support, research, and evaluation.

SECTION 9. That existing Section 265.330 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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135th G.A.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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