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A BILL

| То | amend sed | ctions 3109.51, 3109.52, 3109.53, | 1 |
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| | 3109.54, | 3109.59, 3109.60, 3109.65, 3109.66, | 2 |
| | 3109.67, | 3109.69, 3109.70, 3109.71, 3109.74, | 3 |
| | 3109.76, | 3310.51, 3313.64, 3313.649, and | 4 |
| | 3313.672 | of the Revised Code to expand who is | 5 |
| | eligible | to execute a grandparent power of | 6 |
| | attornev | or a caretaker authorization affidavit. | 7 |

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

| Section 1. That sections 3109.51, 3109.52, 3109.53, | 8 |
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| 3109.54, 3109.59, 3109.60, 3109.65, 3109.66, 3109.67, 3109.69, | 9 |
| 3109.70, 3109.71, 3109.74, 3109.76, 3310.51, 3313.64, 3313.649, | 10 |
| and 3313.672 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: | 11 |
| Sec. 3109.51. As used in sections 3109.52 to 3109.80 of | 12 |
| the Revised Code: | 13 |
| (A) "Caretaker" means any of the following who is eighteen | 14 |
| years of age or older, is caring for a child in place of the | 15 |
| child's parents, and does not have legal custody or guardianship | 16 |
| of the child: | 17 |
| (1) Any of the following relatives by blood, adoption, or | 18 |

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| marriage: the child's stepparent, grandparent, stepgrandparent, | 19 |
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| uncle, aunt, sibling, stepsibling, half sibling, nephew, niece, | 20 |
| first cousin, or any relative denoted by the prefix "grand" or | 21 |
| <pre>"great";</pre> | 22 |
| (2) A nonrelative adult who has a relationship or bond | 23 |
| with the child or the child's family. | 24 |
| (B) "Child" means a person under eighteen years of age. | 25 |
| (B) (C) "Custodian" means an individual with legal custody | 26 |
| of a child. | 27 |
| (C)(D) "Guardian" means an individual granted authority by | 28 |
| a probate court pursuant to Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code to | 29 |
| exercise parental rights over a child to the extent provided in | 30 |
| the court's order and subject to the residual parental rights, | 31 |
| privileges, and responsibilities of the child's parents. | 32 |
| (D)(E) "Legal custody" and "residual parental rights, | 33 |
| privileges, and responsibilities" have the same meanings as in | 34 |
| section 2151.011 of the Revised Code. | 35 |
| Sec. 3109.52. The parent, guardian, or custodian of a | 36 |
| child may create a power of attorney that grants to a | 37 |
| <pre>grandparent_caretaker_of the child with whom the child is</pre> | 38 |
| residing any of the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's rights | 39 |
| and responsibilities regarding the care, physical custody, and | 40 |
| control of the child, including the ability to enroll the child | 41 |
| in school, to obtain from the school district educational and | 42 |
| behavioral information about the child, to consent to all | 43 |
| school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to | 44 |
| medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child. The | 45 |
| power of attorney may not grant authority to consent to the | 46 |
| marriage or adoption of the child. The power of attorney does | 47 |

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| not affect the rights of the parent, guardian, or custodian of | 48 |
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| the child in any future proceeding concerning custody of the | 49 |
| child or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities | 50 |
| for the care of the child and does not grant legal custody to | 51 |
| the attorney in fact. | 52 |
| Sec. 3109.53. To create a power of attorney under section | 53 |
| 3109.52 of the Revised Code, a parent, guardian, or custodian | 54 |
| shall use a form that is identical in form and content to the | 55 |
| following: | 56 |
| POWER OF ATTORNEY | 57 |
| I, the undersigned, residing at, in the county | 58 |
| of, state of, hereby appoint the child's | 59 |
| <pre>grandparentcaretaker,, residing at, in the</pre> | 60 |
| county of, in the state of Ohio, with whom the child | 61 |
| of whom I am the parent, guardian, or custodian is residing, my | 62 |
| attorney in fact to exercise any and all of my rights and | 63 |
| responsibilities regarding the care, physical custody, and | 64 |
| control of the child,, born, having social | 65 |
| security number (optional), except my authority to | 66 |
| consent to marriage or adoption of the child, and to | 67 |
| perform all acts necessary in the execution of the rights and | 68 |
| responsibilities hereby granted, as fully as I might do if | 69 |
| personally present. The rights I am transferring under this | 70 |
| power of attorney include the ability to enroll the child in | 71 |
| school, to obtain from the school district educational and | 72 |
| behavioral information about the child, to consent to all | 73 |
| school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to | 74 |
| medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child. This | 75 |
| transfer does not affect my rights in any future proceedings | 76 |
| concerning the custody of the child or the allocation of the | 77 |

| parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child | 7/8 |
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| and does not give the attorney in fact legal custody of the | 79 |
| child. This transfer does not terminate my right to have regular | 80 |
| contact with the child. | 81 |
| I hereby certify that I am transferring the rights and | 82 |
| responsibilities designated in this power of attorney because | 83 |
| one of the following circumstances exists: | 84 |
| (1) I am: (a) Seriously ill, incarcerated, or about to be | 85 |
| incarcerated, (b) Temporarily unable to provide financial | 86 |
| support or parental guidance to the child, (c) Temporarily | 87 |
| unable to provide adequate care and supervision of the child | 88 |
| because of my physical or mental condition, (d) Homeless or | 89 |
| without a residence because the current residence is destroyed | 90 |
| or otherwise uninhabitable, or (e) In or about to enter a | 91 |
| residential treatment program for substance abuse; | 92 |
| (2) I am a parent of the child, the child's other parent | 93 |
| is deceased, and I have authority to execute the power of | 94 |
| attorney; or | 95 |
| (3) I have a well-founded belief that the power of | 96 |
| attorney is in the child's best interest. | 97 |
| I hereby certify that I am not transferring my rights and | 98 |
| responsibilities regarding the child for the purpose of | 99 |
| enrolling the child in a school or school district so that the | 100 |
| child may participate in the academic or interscholastic | 101 |
| athletic programs provided by that school or district. | 102 |
| If there is a court order naming me the residential parent | 103 |
| and legal custodian of the child who is the subject of this | 104 |
| power of attorney and I am the sole parent signing this | 105 |
| document, I hereby certify that one of the following is the | 106 |

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| case: | 107 |
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| (1) I have made reasonable efforts to locate and provide | 108 |
| notice of the creation of this power of attorney to the other | 109 |
| parent and have been unable to locate that parent; | 110 |
| (2) The other parent is prohibited from receiving a notice | 111 |
| of relocation; or | 112 |
| (3) The parental rights of the other parent have been | 113 |
| terminated by order of a juvenile court. | 114 |
| This POWER OF ATTORNEY is valid until the occurrence of | 115 |
| whichever of the following events occurs first: (1) I revoke | 116 |
| this POWER OF ATTORNEY in writing and give notice of the | 117 |
| revocation to the grandparent caretaker designated as attorney | 118 |
| in fact and the juvenile court with which this POWER OF ATTORNEY | 119 |
| was filed; (2) the child ceases to reside with the grandparent | 120 |
| <pre>caretaker designated as attorney in fact; (3) this POWER OF</pre> | 121 |
| ATTORNEY is terminated by court order; (4) the death of the | 122 |
| child who is the subject of the power of attorney; or (5) the | 123 |
| death of the grandparent caretaker designated as the attorney in | 124 |
| fact. | 125 |
| WARNING: DO NOT EXECUTE THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IF ANY | 126 |
| STATEMENT MADE IN THIS INSTRUMENT IS UNTRUE. FALSIFICATION IS A | 127 |
| CRIME UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED CODE, PUNISHABLE BY | 128 |
| THE SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER 2929. OF THE REVISED CODE, INCLUDING | 129 |
| A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO 6 MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO | 130 |
| \$1,000, OR BOTH. | 131 |
| Witness my hand this day of, | 132 |
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| Parent/Custodian/Guardian's signature | 134 |

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| | Parent's signature | 136 |
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| | Grandparent <u>Caretaker</u> designated as | 138 |
| attorney in fact | | 139 |
| State of Ohio |) | 140 |
| |) ss: | 141 |
| County of |) | 142 |
| Subscribed, sworn to, | and acknowledged before me this day | 143 |
| of, | | 144 |
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| | Notary Public | 146 |
| Notices: | | 147 |
| 1. A power of attorned | ey may be executed only if one of the | 148 |
| following circumstance | ces exists: (1) The parent, guardian, or | 149 |
| custodian of the chil | d is: (a) Seriously ill, incarcerated, or | 150 |
| about to be incarcera | ated; (b) Temporarily unable to provide | 151 |
| financial support or | parental guidance to the child; (c) | 152 |
| Temporarily unable to | provide adequate care and supervision of | 153 |
| the child because of | the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's | 154 |
| physical or mental co | ondition; (d) Homeless or without a | 155 |
| residence because the | e current residence is destroyed or | 156 |
| otherwise uninhabitak | ole; or (e) In or about to enter a | 157 |
| residential treatment | program for substance abuse; (2) One of | 158 |
| the child's parents i | s deceased and the other parent, with | 159 |
| authority to do so, s | seeks to execute a power of attorney; or (3) | 160 |
| The parent, quardian, | or custodian has a well-founded belief | 161 |

| that the power of attorney is in the child's best interest. | 162 |
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| 2. The signatures of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the | 163 |
| child and the grandparent caretaker designated as the attorney | 164 |
| in fact must be notarized by an Ohio notary public. | 165 |
| 3. A parent, guardian, or custodian who creates a power of | 166 |
| attorney must notify the parent of the child who is not the | 167 |
| residential parent and legal custodian of the child unless one | 168 |
| of the following circumstances applies: (a) the parent is | 169 |
| prohibited from receiving a notice of relocation in accordance | 170 |
| with section 3109.051 of the Revised Code of the creation of the | 171 |
| power of attorney; (b) the parent's parental rights have been | 172 |
| terminated by order of a juvenile court pursuant to Chapter | 173 |
| 2151. of the Revised Code; (c) the parent cannot be located with | 174 |
| reasonable efforts; (d) both parents are executing the power of | 175 |
| attorney. The notice must be sent by certified mail not later | 176 |
| than five days after the power of attorney is created and must | 177 |
| state the name and address of the person designated as the | 178 |
| attorney in fact. | 179 |
| 4. A parent, guardian, or custodian who creates a power of | 180 |
| attorney must file it with the juvenile court of the county in | 181 |
| which the attorney in fact resides, or any other court that has | 182 |
| jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or | 183 |
| proceeding. The power of attorney must be filed not later than | 184 |
| five days after the date it is created and be accompanied by a | 185 |
| receipt showing that the notice of creation of the power of | 186 |
| attorney was sent to the parent who is not the residential | 187 |
| parent and legal custodian by certified mail. | 188 |
| 5. This power of attorney does not affect the rights of the | 189 |
| child's parents, guardian, or custodian regarding any future | 190 |
| proceedings concerning the custody of the child or the | 191 |

| allocation of the parental rights and responsibilities for the | 192 |
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| care of the child and does not give the attorney in fact legal | 193 |
| custody of the child. | 194 |
| 6. A person or entity that relies on this power of attorney, in | 195 |
| good faith, has no obligation to make any further inquiry or | 196 |
| investigation. | 197 |
| 7. This power of attorney terminates on the occurrence of | 198 |
| whichever of the following occurs first: (1) the power of | 199 |
| attorney is revoked in writing by the person who created it and | 200 |
| that person gives written notice of the revocation to the | 201 |
| grandparent caretaker who is the attorney in fact and the | 202 |
| juvenile court with which the power of attorney was filed; (2) | 203 |
| the child ceases to live with the grandparent caretaker who is | 204 |
| the attorney in fact; (3) the power of attorney is terminated by | 205 |
| court order; (4) the death of the child who is the subject of | 206 |
| the power of attorney; or (5) the death of the grandparent | 207 |
| <pre>caretaker designated as the attorney in fact.</pre> | 208 |
| If this power of attorney terminates other than by the | 209 |
| death of the attorney in fact, the grandparent_caretaker_who | 210 |
| served as the attorney in fact shall notify, in writing, all of | 211 |
| the following: | 212 |
| (a) Any schools, health care providers, or health | 213 |
| insurance coverage provider with which the child has been | 214 |
| involved through the <pre>grandparentcaretaker;</pre> | 215 |
| (b) Any other person or entity that has an ongoing | 216 |
| relationship with the child or grandparent caretaker such that | 217 |
| the other person or entity would reasonably rely on the power of | 218 |
| attorney unless notified of the termination; | 219 |
| (c) The court in which the power of attorney was filed | 220 |

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| after its creation; | 221 |
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| (d) The parent who is not the residential parent and legal | 222 |
| custodian of the child who is required to be given notice of its | 223 |
| creation. The grandparent caretaker shall make the notifications | 224 |
| not later than one week after the date the power of attorney | 225 |
| terminates. | 226 |
| 8. If this power of attorney is terminated by written | 227 |
| revocation of the person who created it, or the revocation is | 228 |
| regarding a second or subsequent power of attorney, a copy of | 229 |
| the revocation must be filed with the court with which that | 230 |
| power of attorney was filed. | 231 |
| Additional information: | 232 |
| To the <u>grandparent</u> <u>caretaker</u> designated as attorney in fact: | 233 |
| 1. If the child stops living with you, you are required to | 234 |
| notify, in writing, any school, health care provider, or health | 235 |
| care insurance provider to which you have given this power of | 236 |
| attorney. You are also required to notify, in writing, any other | 237 |
| person or entity that has an ongoing relationship with you or | 238 |
| the child such that the person or entity would reasonably rely | 239 |
| on the power of attorney unless notified. The notification must | 240 |
| be made not later than one week after the child stops living | 241 |
| with you. | 242 |
| 2. You must include with the power of attorney the following | 243 |
| information: | 244 |
| (a) The child's present address, the addresses of the | 245 |
| places where the child has lived within the last five years, and | 246 |
| the name and present address of each person with whom the child | 247 |
| has lived during that period; | 248 |

| (b) Whether you have participated as a party, a witness, | 249 |
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| or in any other capacity in any other litigation, in this state | 250 |
| or any other state, that concerned the allocation, between the | 251 |
| parents of the same child, of parental rights and | 252 |
| responsibilities for the care of the child and the designation | 253 |
| of the residential parent and legal custodian of the child or | 254 |
| that otherwise concerned the custody of the same child; | 255 |
| (c) Whether you have information of any parenting | 256 |
| proceeding concerning the child pending in a court of this or | 257 |
| any other state; | 258 |
| (d) Whether you know of any person who has physical | 259 |
| custody of the child or claims to be a parent of the child who | 260 |
| is designated the residential parent and legal custodian of the | 261 |
| child or to have parenting time rights with respect to the child | 262 |
| or to be a person other than a parent of the child who has | 263 |
| custody or visitation rights with respect to the child; | 264 |
| (e) Whether you previously have been convicted of or | 265 |
| pleaded guilty to any criminal offense involving any act that | 266 |
| resulted in a child's being an abused child or a neglected child | 267 |
| or previously have been determined, in a case in which a child | 268 |
| has been adjudicated an abused child or a neglected child, to be | 269 |
| the perpetrator of the abusive or neglectful act that was the | 270 |
| basis of the adjudication. | 271 |
| 3. If you receive written notice of revocation of the power of | 272 |
| attorney or the parent, custodian, or guardian removes the child | 273 |
| from your home and if you believe that the revocation or removal | 274 |
| is not in the best interest of the child, you may, within | 275 |
| fourteen days, file a complaint in the juvenile court to seek | 276 |
| custody. You may retain physical custody of the child until the | 277 |
| fourteen-day period elapses or, if you file a complaint, until | 278 |

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| the court orders otherwise. | 279 |
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| To school officials: | 280 |
| 1. Except as provided in section 3313.649 of the Revised Code, | 281 |
| this power of attorney, properly completed and notarized, | 282 |
| authorizes the child in question to attend school in the | 283 |
| district in which the grandparent caretaker designated as | 284 |
| attorney in fact resides and that grandparent caretaker is | 285 |
| authorized to provide consent in all school-related matters and | 286 |
| to obtain from the school district educational and behavioral | 287 |
| information about the child. This power of attorney does not | 288 |
| preclude the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child from | 289 |
| having access to all school records pertinent to the child. | 290 |
| 2. The school district may require additional reasonable | 291 |
| evidence that the grandparent caretaker lives in the school | 292 |
| district. | 293 |
| 3. A school district or school official that reasonably and in | 294 |
| good faith relies on this power of attorney has no obligation to | 295 |
| make any further inquiry or investigation. | 296 |
| To health care providers: | 297 |
| 1. A person or entity that acts in good faith reliance on a | 298 |
| power of attorney to provide medical, psychological, or dental | 299 |
| treatment, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those | 300 |
| stated in the power of attorney, is not subject to criminal | 301 |
| liability or to civil liability to any person or entity, and is | 302 |
| not subject to professional disciplinary action, solely for such | 303 |
| reliance if the power of attorney is completed and the | 304 |
| signatures of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child | 305 |
| and the grandparent caretaker designated as attorney in fact are | 306 |
| notarized. | 307 |

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| 2. The decision of a grandparent caretaker designated as | 308 |
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| attorney in fact, based on a power of attorney, shall be honored | 309 |
| by a health care facility or practitioner, school district, or | 310 |
| school official. | 311 |
| Sec. 3109.54. A power of attorney created pursuant to | 312 |
| section 3109.52 of the Revised Code must be signed by the | 313 |
| parent, guardian, or custodian granting it and by the | 314 |
| grandparent caretaker designated as the attorney in fact. For | 315 |
| the power of attorney to be effective, the signatures must be | 316 |
| notarized. The child's social security number need not appear on | 317 |
| the power of attorney for the power of attorney to be effective. | 318 |
| Sec. 3109.59. (A) A power of attorney created under | 319 |
| section 3109.52 of the Revised Code terminates on the occurrence | 320 |
| of whichever of the following events occurs first: | 321 |
| (1) The power of attorney is revoked in writing by the | 322 |
| person who created it, and that person gives written notice of | 323 |
| the revocation to the grandparent <u>caretaker</u> designated as the | 324 |
| attorney in fact and to the juvenile court with which the power | 325 |
| of attorney was filed. | 326 |
| (2) The child ceases to reside with the grandparent | 327 |
| <pre>caretaker designated as the attorney in fact.</pre> | 328 |
| (3) The power of attorney is terminated by court order. | 329 |
| (4) The death of the child who is the subject of the power | 330 |
| of attorney. | 331 |
| (5) The death of the grandparent caretaker designated as | 332 |
| the attorney in fact. | 333 |
| (B) Not later than five days after a power of attorney is | 334 |
| revoked, a copy of the revocation of the power of attorney must | 335 |

| be filed with the court with which the power of attorney is | 336 |
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| filed pursuant to section 3109.74 of the Revised Code. | 337 |
| Sec. 3109.60. When a power of attorney created pursuant to | 338 |
| section 3109.52 of the Revised Code terminates pursuant to | 339 |
| division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 3109.59 of the | 340 |
| Revised Code, the grandparent caretaker designated as the | 341 |
| attorney in fact shall notify, in writing, all of the following: | 342 |
| (A) The school district in which the child attends school; | 343 |
| (B) The child's health care providers; | 344 |
| (C) The child's health insurance coverage provider; | 345 |
| (D) The court in which the power of attorney was filed | 346 |
| under section 3109.74 of the Revised Code; | 347 |
| (E) The parent who is not the residential parent and legal | 348 |
| custodian and who is required to be given notice under section | 349 |
| 3109.55 of the Revised Code; | 350 |
| (F) Any other person or entity that has an ongoing | 351 |
| relationship with the child or <u>grandparent</u> <u>caretaker</u> such that | 352 |
| the person or entity would reasonably rely on the power of | 353 |
| attorney unless notified of the termination. | 354 |
| The grandparent caretaker shall make the notifications not | 355 |
| later than one week after the date the power of attorney | 356 |
| terminates. | 357 |
| Sec. 3109.65. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of | 358 |
| this section, if a child is living with a grandparent caretaker | 359 |
| who has made reasonable attempts to locate and contact both of | 360 |
| the child's parents, or the child's guardian or custodian, but | 361 |
| has been unable to do so, the grandparent <u>caretaker</u> may obtain | 362 |
| authority to exercise care, physical custody, and control of the | 363 |

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| child including authority to enroll the child in school, to | 364 |
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| discuss with the school district the child's educational | 365 |
| progress, to consent to all school-related matters regarding the | 366 |
| child, and to consent to medical, psychological, or dental | 367 |
| treatment for the child by executing a caretaker authorization | 368 |
| affidavit in accordance with section 3109.67 of the Revised | 369 |
| Code. | 370 |
| (B) The grandparent caretaker may execute a caretaker | 371 |
| authorization affidavit without attempting to locate the | 372 |
| following parent: | 373 |
| (1) If paternity has not been established with regard to | 374 |
| the child, the child's father. | 375 |
| (2) If the child is the subject of a custody order, the | 376 |
| following parent: | 377 |
| (a) A parent who is prohibited from receiving a notice of | 378 |
| relocation in accordance with section 3109.051 of the Revised | 379 |
| Code; | 380 |
| (b) A parent whose parental rights have been terminated by | 381 |
| order of a juvenile court pursuant to Chapter 2151. of the | 382 |
| Revised Code. | 383 |
| Sec. 3109.66. The caretaker authorization affidavit that a | 384 |
| grandparent caretaker described in section 3109.65 of the | 385 |
| Revised Code may execute shall be identical in form and content | 386 |
| to the following: | 387 |
| CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT | 388 |
| Use of this affidavit is authorized by sections 3109.65 to | 389 |
| 3109.73 of the Ohio Revised Code. | 390 |
| Completion of items 1-7 and the signing and notarization of this | 391 |

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| affidavit is sufficient to authorize the grandparent caretaker | 392 |
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| signing to exercise care, physical custody, and control of the | 393 |
| child who is its subject, including authority to enroll the | 394 |
| child in school, to discuss with the school district the child's | 395 |
| educational progress, to consent to all school-related matters | 396 |
| regarding the child, and to consent to medical, psychological, | 397 |
| or dental treatment for the child. | 398 |
| The child named below lives in my home, I am 18 years of age or | 399 |
| older, and I am the child's grandparentcaretaker. | 400 |
| 1. Name of child: | 401 |
| 2. Child's date and year of birth: | 402 |
| 3. Child's social security number (optional): | 403 |
| 4. My name: | 404 |
| 5. My home address: | 405 |
| 6. My date and year of birth: | 406 |
| 7. My Ohio driver's license number or identification card | 407 |
| number: | 408 |
| 8. Despite having made reasonable attempts, I am either: | 409 |
| (a) Unable to locate or contact the child's parents, or | 410 |
| the child's guardian or custodian; or | 411 |
| (b) I am unable to locate or contact one of the child's | 412 |
| parents and I am not required to contact the other parent | 413 |
| because paternity has not been established; or | 414 |
| (c) I am unable to locate or contact one of the child's | 415 |
| parents and I am not required to contact the other parent | 416 |
| because there is a custody order regarding the child and one of | 417 |
| the following is the case: | 418 |

| (i) The parent has been prohibited from receiving notice | 419 |
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| of a relocation; or | 420 |
| (ii) The parental rights of the parent have been | 421 |
| terminated. | 422 |
| 9. I hereby certify that this affidavit is not being executed | 423 |
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| for the purpose of enrolling the child in a school or school | 424 |
| district so that the child may participate in the academic or | 425 |
| interscholastic athletic programs provided by that school or | 426 |
| district. | 427 |
| WARNING: DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM IF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS | 428 |
| ARE INCORRECT. FALSIFICATION IS A CRIME UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF | 429 |
| THE REVISED CODE, PUNISHABLE BY THE SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER | 430 |
| 2929. OF THE REVISED CODE, INCLUDING A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF | 431 |
| UP TO 6 MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000, OR BOTH. | 432 |
| I declare that the foregoing is true and correct: | 433 |
| Signed:Date: | 434 |
| Grandparent <u>Caretaker</u> | 435 |
| State of Ohio) | 436 |
|) ss: | 437 |
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| County of) | 438 |
| Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me this day | 439 |
| of, | 440 |
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| Notary Public | 442 |
| Notices: | 443 |
| 1. The grandparent's caretaker's signature must be notarized by | 444 |

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| an Ohio notary public. | 445 |
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| 2. The grandparent caretaker who executed this affidavit must | 446 |
| file it with the juvenile court of the county in which the | 447 |
| grandparent caretaker resides or any other court that has | 448 |
| jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or | 449 |
| proceeding not later than five days after the date it is | 450 |
| executed. | 451 |
| 3. This affidavit does not affect the rights of the child's | 452 |
| parents, guardian, or custodian regarding the care, physical | 453 |
| custody, and control of the child, and does not give the | 454 |
| grandparent caretaker legal custody of the child. | 455 |
| 4. A person or entity that relies on this affidavit, in good | 456 |
| faith, has no obligation to make any further inquiry or | 457 |
| investigation. | 458 |
| 5. This affidavit terminates on the occurrence of whichever of | 459 |
| the following occurs first: (1) the child ceases to live with | 460 |
| the grandparent caretaker who signs this form; (2) the parent, | 461 |
| guardian, or custodian of the child acts to negate, reverse, or | 462 |
| otherwise disapprove an action or decision of the grandparent | 463 |
| <pre>caretaker who signed this affidavit, and the grandparent</pre> | 464 |
| <pre>caretaker either voluntarily returns the child to the physical</pre> | 465 |
| custody of the parent, guardian, or custodian or fails to file a | 466 |
| complaint to seek custody within fourteen days; (3) the | 467 |
| affidavit is terminated by court order; (4) the death of the | 468 |
| child who is the subject of the affidavit; or (5) the death of | 469 |
| the grandparent caretaker who executed the affidavit. | 470 |
| A parent, guardian, or custodian may negate, reverse, or | 471 |
| disapprove a grandparent's caretaker's action or decision only | 472 |
| by delivering written notice of negation, reversal, or | 473 |

| disapproval to the grandparent caretaker and the person acting | 474 |
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| on the grandparent's caretaker's action or decision in reliance | 475 |
| on this affidavit. | 476 |
| If this affidavit terminates other than by the death of the | 477 |
| grandparentcaretaker, the grandparentcaretaker who signed this | 478 |
| affidavit shall notify, in writing, all of the following: | 479 |
| (a) Any schools, health care providers, or health | 480 |
| insurance coverage provider with which the child has been | 481 |
| involved through the <pre>grandparentcaretaker;</pre> | 482 |
| (b) Any other person or entity that has an ongoing | 483 |
| relationship with the child or <pre>grandparent_caretaker_such that</pre> | 484 |
| the person or entity would reasonably rely on the affidavit | 485 |
| unless notified of the termination; | 486 |
| (c) The court in which the affidavit was filed after its | 487 |
| creation. | 488 |
| The grandparent caretaker shall make the notifications not | 489 |
| later than one week after the date the affidavit terminates. | 490 |
| 6. The decision of a grandparent caretaker to consent to or to | 491 |
| refuse medical treatment or school enrollment for a child is | 492 |
| superseded by a contrary decision of a parent, custodian, or | 493 |
| guardian of the child, unless the decision of the parent, | 494 |
| guardian, or custodian would jeopardize the life, health, or | 495 |
| safety of the child. | 496 |
| Additional information: | 497 |
| To caretakers: | 498 |
| 1. If the child stops living with you, you are required to | 499 |
| notify, in writing, any school, health care provider, or health | 500 |
| care insurance provider to which you have given this affidavit. | 501 |

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| You are also required to notify, in writing, any other person or | 502 |
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| entity that has an ongoing relationship with you or the child | 503 |
| such that the person or entity would reasonably rely on the | 504 |
| affidavit unless notified. The notifications must be made not | 505 |
| later than one week after the child stops living with you. | 506 |
| 2. If you do not have the information requested in item 7 (Ohio | 507 |
| driver's license or identification card), provide another form | 508 |
| of identification such as your social security number or | 509 |
| medicaid number. | 510 |
| 3. You must include with the caretaker authorization affidavit | 511 |
| the following information: | 512 |
| (a) The child's present address, the addresses of the | 513 |
| places where the child has lived within the last five years, and | 514 |
| the name and present address of each person with whom the child | 515 |
| has lived during that period; | 516 |
| (b) Whether you have participated as a party, a witness, | 517 |
| or in any other capacity in any other litigation, in this state | 518 |
| or any other state, that concerned the allocation, between the | 519 |
| parents of the same child, of parental rights and | 520 |
| responsibilities for the care of the child and the designation | 521 |
| of the residential parent and legal custodian of the child or | 522 |
| that otherwise concerned the custody of the same child; | 523 |
| (c) Whether you have information of any parenting | 524 |
| proceeding concerning the child pending in a court of this or | 525 |
| any other state; | 526 |
| (d) Whether you know of any person who has physical | 527 |
| custody of the child or claims to be a parent of the child who | 528 |
| is designated the residential parent and legal custodian of the | 529 |
| child or to have parenting time rights with respect to the child | 530 |

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| or to be a person other than a parent of the child who has | 531 |
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| custody or visitation rights with respect to the child; | 532 |
| (e) Whether you previously have been convicted of or | 533 |
| pleaded guilty to any criminal offense involving any act that | 534 |
| resulted in a child's being an abused child or a neglected child | 535 |
| or previously have been determined, in a case in which a child | 536 |
| has been adjudicated an abused child or a neglected child, to be | 537 |
| the perpetrator of the abusive or neglectful act that was the | 538 |
| basis of the adjudication. | 539 |
| 4. If the child's parent, guardian, or custodian acts to | 540 |
| terminate the caretaker authorization affidavit by delivering a | 541 |
| written notice of negation, reversal, or disapproval of an | 542 |
| action or decision of yours or removes the child from your home | 543 |
| and if you believe that the termination or removal is not in the | 544 |
| best interest of the child, you may, within fourteen days, file | 545 |
| a complaint in the juvenile court to seek custody. You may | 546 |
| retain physical custody of the child until the fourteen-day | 547 |
| period elapses or, if you file a complaint, until the court | 548 |
| orders otherwise. | 549 |
| To school officials: | 550 |
| 1. This affidavit, properly completed and notarized, authorizes | 551 |
| the child in question to attend school in the district in which | 552 |
| the grandparent caretaker who signed this affidavit resides and | 553 |
| the <u>grandparent</u> caretaker is authorized to provide consent in | 554 |
| all school-related matters and to discuss with the school | 555 |
| district the child's educational progress. This affidavit does | 556 |
| not preclude the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child | 557 |
| from having access to all school records pertinent to the child. | 558 |
| 2. The school district may require additional reasonable | 559 |

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| evidence that the grandparent caretaker lives at the address | 560 |
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| provided in item 5 of the affidavit. | 561 |
| 3. A school district or school official that reasonably and in | 562 |
| good faith relies on this affidavit has no obligation to make | 563 |
| any further inquiry or investigation. | 564 |
| 4. The act of a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child to | 565 |
| negate, reverse, or otherwise disapprove an action or decision | 566 |
| of the grandparent caretaker who signed this affidavit | 567 |
| constitutes termination of this affidavit. A parent, guardian, | 568 |
| or custodian may negate, reverse, or disapprove a grandparent's | 569 |
| <pre>caretaker's action or decision only by delivering written notice</pre> | 570 |
| of negation, reversal, or disapproval to the grandparent | 571 |
| <u>caretaker</u> and the person acting on the grandparent's <u>caretaker's</u> | 572 |
| action or decision in reliance on this affidavit. | 573 |
| To health care providers: | 574 |
| 1. A person or entity that acts in good faith reliance on a | 575 |
| CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT to provide medical, | 576 |
| psychological, or dental treatment, without actual knowledge of | 577 |
| facts contrary to those stated in the affidavit, is not subject | 578 |
| to criminal liability or to civil liability to any person or | 579 |
| entity, and is not subject to professional disciplinary action, | 580 |
| solely for such reliance if the applicable portions of the form | 581 |
| are completed and the grandparent's caretaker's signature is | 582 |
| notarized. | 583 |
| 2. The decision of a grandparentcaretaker, based on a CARETAKER | 584 |
| AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT, shall be honored by a health care | 585 |
| facility or practitioner, school district, or school official | 586 |
| unless the health care facility or practitioner or educational | 587 |
| facility or official has actual knowledge that a parent, | 588 |

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| guardian, or custodian of a child has made a contravening | 589 |
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| decision to consent to or to refuse medical treatment for the | 590 |
| child. | 591 |
| 3. The act of a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child to | 592 |
| negate, reverse, or otherwise disapprove an action or decision | 593 |
| of the grandparent <u>caretaker</u> who signed this affidavit | 594 |
| constitutes termination of this affidavit. A parent, guardian, | 595 |
| or custodian may negate, reverse, or disapprove a grandparent's | 596 |
| <u>caretaker's</u> action or decision only by delivering written notice | 597 |
| of negation, reversal, or disapproval to the grandparent | 598 |
| <u>caretaker</u> and the person acting on the grandparent's <u>caretaker's</u> | 599 |
| action or decision in reliance on this affidavit. | 600 |
| Sec. 3109.67. A caretaker authorization affidavit | 601 |
| described in section 3109.66 of the Revised Code is executed | 602 |
| when the affidavit is completed, signed by a grandparent- | 603 |
| <u>caretaker</u> described in section 3109.65 of the Revised Code, and | 604 |
| notarized. | 605 |
| Sec. 3109.69. Once a caretaker authorization affidavit has | 606 |
| been executed under section 3109.67 of the Revised Code, the | 607 |
| grandparent caretaker may exercise care, physical custody, and | 608 |
| control of the child, including enrolling the child in school, | 609 |
| discussing with the school district the child's educational | 610 |
| progress, consenting to all school-related matters regarding the | 611 |
| child, and consenting to medical, psychological, or dental | 612 |
| treatment for the child. The affidavit does not affect the | 613 |
| rights and responsibilities of the parent, guardian, or | 614 |
| custodian regarding the child, does not grant legal custody to | 615 |
| the grandparentcaretaker, and does not grant authority to the | 616 |
| grandparent caretaker to consent to the marriage or adoption of | 617 |
| the child. | 618 |

| Sec. 3109.70. An executed caretaker authorization | 619 |
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| affidavit shall terminate on the occurrence of whichever of the | 620 |
| following comes first: | 621 |
| (A) The child ceases to reside with the | 622 |
| grandparent caretaker. | 623 |
| (B) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child who is | 624 |
| the subject of the affidavit acts, in accordance with section | 625 |
| 3109.72 of the Revised Code, to negate, reverse, or otherwise | 626 |
| disapprove an action or decision of the grandparent caretaker | 627 |
| who signed the affidavit with respect to the child, and the | 628 |
| grandparent caretaker either voluntarily returns the child to | 629 |
| the physical custody of the parent, guardian, or custodian or | 630 |
| fails to file a complaint to seek custody within fourteen days | 631 |
| after the delivery of written notice of negation, reversal, or | 632 |
| other disapproval. | 633 |
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| (C) The affidavit is terminated by court order. | 634 |
| (D) The death of the child who is the subject of the | 635 |
| affidavit. | 636 |
| (E) The death of the grandparent caretaker who executed | 637 |
| the affidavit. | 638 |
| Sec. 3109.71. When a caretaker authorization affidavit | 639 |
| terminates pursuant to division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of section | 640 |
| 3109.70 of the Revised Code, the grandparent <u>caretaker</u> shall | 641 |
| notify, in writing, the school district in which the child | 642 |
| attends school, the child's health care providers, the child's | 643 |
| health insurance coverage provider, the court in which the | 644 |
| affidavit was filed under section 3109.74 of the Revised Code, | 645 |
| and any other person or entity that has an ongoing relationship | 646 |
| with the child or grandparent caretaker such that the person or | 647 |

| entity would reasonably rely on the affidavit unless notified of | 648 |
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| the termination. The grandparent caretaker shall make the | 649 |
| notifications not later than one week after the date the | 650 |
| affidavit terminates. | 651 |
| Sec. 3109.74. (A) A person who creates a power of attorney | 652 |
| under section 3109.52 of the Revised Code or executes a | 653 |
| caretaker authorization affidavit under section 3109.67 of the | 654 |
| Revised Code shall file the power of attorney or affidavit with | 655 |
| the juvenile court of the county in which the grandparent | 656 |
| caretaker designated as attorney in fact or grandparent who | 657 |
| executed the affidavit resides or any other court that has | 658 |
| jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or | 659 |
| proceeding. The power of attorney or affidavit shall be filed | 660 |
| not later than five days after the date it is created or | 661 |
| executed and may be sent to the court by certified mail. | 662 |
| (B) A power of attorney filed under this section shall be | 663 |
| accompanied by a receipt showing that the notice of creation of | 664 |
| the power of attorney was sent to the parent who is not the | 665 |
| residential parent and legal custodian by certified mail under | 666 |
| section 3109.55 of the Revised Code. | 667 |
| (C)(1) The grandparent caretaker designated as attorney in | 668 |
| fact or the grandparent who executed the caretaker authorization | 669 |
| affidavit shall include with the power of attorney or the | 670 |
| caretaker authorization affidavit the information described in | 671 |
| section 3109.27 of the Revised Code. | 672 |
| (2) If the grandparentcaretaker provides information that | 673 |
| the grandparent caretaker previously has been convicted of or | 674 |
| pleaded guilty to any criminal offense involving any act that | 675 |
| resulted in a child being an abused child or a neglected child | 676 |
| or previously has been determined, in a case in which a child | 677 |

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| has been adjudicated an abused child or a neglected child, to be | 678 |
| the perpetrator of the abusive or neglectful act that was the | 679 |
| basis of the adjudication, the court may report that information | 680 |
| to the public children services agency pursuant to section | 681 |
| 2151.421 of the Revised Code. Upon the receipt of that | 682 |
| information, the public children services agency shall initiate | 683 |
| an investigation pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised | 684 |
| Code. | 685 |
| (3) If the court has reason to believe that a power of | 686 |
| attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit is not in the best | 687 |
| interest of the child, the court may report that information to | 688 |
| the public children services agency pursuant to section 2151.421 | 689 |
| of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of that information, the | 690 |
| public children services agency shall initiate an investigation | 691 |
| pursuant to section 2151.421 of the Revised Code. The public | 692 |
| children services agency shall submit a report of its | 693 |
| investigation to the court not later than thirty days after the | 694 |
| court reports the information to the public children services | 695 |
| agency or not later than forty-five days after the court reports | 696 |
| the information to the public children services agency when | 697 |
| information that is needed to determine the case disposition | 698 |
| cannot be compiled within thirty days and the reasons are | 699 |
| documented in the case record. | 700 |
| (D) The court shall waive any filing fee imposed for the | 701 |
| filing of the power of attorney or caretaker authorization | 702 |

Sec. 3109.76. (A) A grandparent caretaker who has physical 704 custody of a child under a power of attorney, within fourteen 705 days after the child's parent, guardian, or custodian gives 706 written notice of revocation of the power of attorney to the 707

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affidavit.

| grandparent caretaker and files a written notice of revocation | 708 |
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| of the power of attorney with the juvenile court or within | 709 |
| fourteen days after removal of the child from the grandparent's | 710 |
| caretaker's home, may file a complaint under division (A)(2) of | 711 |
| section 2151.23 or division (D) of section 2151.27 of the | 712 |
| Revised Code seeking a determination of custody if the | 713 |
| grandparent caretaker believes that the revocation or removal is | 714 |
| not in the best interest of the child. | 715 |
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- (B) A grandparent caretaker who has physical custody of a child under a caretaker authorization affidavit, within fourteen days after a parent, guardian, or custodian terminates the affidavit by delivering a written notice of negation, reversal, or disapproval of an action or decision of the grandparent caretaker or within fourteen days after removal of the child from the grandparent's caretaker's home, may file a complaint under division (A) (2) of section 2151.23 or division (D) of section 2151.27 of the Revised Code seeking a determination of custody if the grandparent caretaker believes that the termination or removal is not in the best interest of the child.
- (C) Pending a hearing and decision on a complaint filed under division (A) or (B) of this section, the juvenile court, in accordance with section 2151.33 of the Revised Code, may make any temporary disposition of any child that it considers necessary to protect the best interest of the child.
- (D) If a parent, guardian, or custodian revokes a power of
 attorney or terminates a caretaker authorization affidavit, the

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 grandparent_caretaker may retain custody of the child until the
 fourteen-day period for filing a complaint under division (A) or

 (B) of this section has expired or, if the grandparent_caretaker

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 files a complaint, until the court orders otherwise.

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| Sec. 3310.51. As used in sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of | 738 |
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| the Revised Code: | 739 |
| (A) "Alternative public provider" means either of the | 740 |
| following providers that agrees to enroll a child in the | 741 |
| provider's special education program to implement the child's | 742 |
| individualized education program and to which the eligible | 743 |
| applicant owes fees for the services provided to the child: | 744 |
| (1) A school district that is not the school district in | 745 |
| which the child is entitled to attend school or the child's | 746 |
| school district of residence, if different; | 747 |
| (2) A public entity other than a school district. | 748 |
| (B) "Child with a disability" and "individualized | 749 |
| education program" have the same meanings as in section 3323.01 | 750 |
| of the Revised Code. | 751 |
| (C) "Eligible applicant" means any of the following: | 750 |
| (o) Brigible applicant means any or the rorrowing. | 752 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a | 753 |
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| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a | 753 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified | 753 754 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive | 753 754 755 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, | 753 754 755 756 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or | 753 754 755 756 757 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart | 753 754 755 756 757 758 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order | 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect | 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, "eligible applicant" means the residential parent | 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, "eligible applicant" means the residential parent as designated by the court. If the court issues a shared | 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 |
| (1) Either of the natural or adoptive parents of a qualified special education child, except as otherwise specified in this division. When the marriage of the natural or adoptive parents of the student has been terminated by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or when the natural or adoptive parents of the student are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order allocating the parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, "eligible applicant" means the residential parent as designated by the court. If the court issues a shared parenting decree, "eligible applicant" means either parent. | 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 763 |

| when a court has granted temporary, legal, or permanent custody | 767 |
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| of the child to an individual other than either of the natural | 768 |
| or adoptive parents of the child or to a government agency; | 769 |
| (3) The guardian of a qualified special education child, | 770 |
| when a court has appointed a guardian for the child; | 771 |
| (4) The grandparent caretaker of a qualified special | 772 |
| education child, when the grandparent <u>caretaker</u> is the child's | 773 |
| attorney in fact under a power of attorney executed under | 774 |
| sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code or when the | 775 |
| grandparent has executed a caretaker authorization affidavit | 776 |
| under sections 3109.65 to 3109.73 of the Revised Code; | 777 |
| (5) The surrogate parent appointed for a qualified special | 778 |
| education child pursuant to division (B) of section 3323.05 and | 779 |
| section 3323.051 of the Revised Code; | 780 |
| (6) A qualified special education child, if the child does | 781 |
| not have a custodian or guardian and the child is at least | 782 |
| eighteen years of age. | 783 |
| (D) "Entitled to attend school" means entitled to attend | 784 |
| school in a school district under sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 | 785 |
| of the Revised Code. | 786 |
| (E) "Formula ADM" has the same meaning as in section | 787 |
| 3317.02 of the Revised Code. | 788 |
| (F) "Qualified special education child" is a child for | 789 |
| whom all of the following conditions apply: | 790 |
| (1) The child is at least five years of age and less than | 791 |
| twenty-two years of age. | 792 |
| (2) The school district in which the child is entitled to | 793 |
| attend school, or the child's school district of residence if | 794 |

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| different, has identified the child as a child with a | 795 |
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| disability. | 796 |
| (3) The school district in which the child is entitled to | 797 |
| attend school, or the child's school district of residence if | 798 |
| different, has developed an individualized education program | 799 |
| under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code for the child. | 800 |
| (4) The child either: | 801 |
| (a) Was enrolled in the schools of the school district in | 802 |
| which the child is entitled to attend school in any grade from | 803 |
| kindergarten through twelve in the school year prior to the | 804 |
| school year in which a scholarship is first sought for the | 805 |
| child; | 806 |
| (b) Is eligible to enter school in any grade kindergarten | 807 |
| through twelve in the school district in which the child is | 808 |
| entitled to attend school in the school year in which a | 809 |
| scholarship is first sought for the child. | 810 |
| (5) The department of education and workforce has not | 811 |
| approved a scholarship for the child under the educational | 812 |
| choice scholarship pilot program, under sections 3310.01 to | 813 |
| 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program, | 814 |
| under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, or the pilot project | 815 |
| scholarship program, under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the | 816 |
| Revised Code for the same school year in which a scholarship | 817 |
| under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is | 818 |
| sought. | 819 |
| (6) The child and the child's parents are in compliance | 820 |
| with the state compulsory attendance law under Chapter 3321. of | 821 |
| the Revised Code. | 822 |
| (G) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school | 823 |

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| or other nonpublic entity that has been registered by the | 824 |
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| superintendent of public instruction under section 3310.58 of | 825 |
| the Revised Code prior to the effective date of this amendment- | 826 |
| October 3, 2023, or the department of education and workforce on | 827 |
| or after that date. | 828 |
| (H) "Scholarship" means a scholarship awarded under the | 829 |
| Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program pursuant to | 830 |
| sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code. | 831 |
| (I) "School district of residence" has the same meaning as | 832 |
| in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code. A community school | 833 |
| established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code is not a | 834 |
| "school district of residence" for purposes of sections 3310.51 | 835 |
| to 3310.64 of the Revised Code. | 836 |
| (J) "School year" has the same meaning as in section | 837 |
| 3313.62 of the Revised Code. | 838 |
| (K) "Special education program" means a school or facility | 839 |
| that provides special education and related services to children | 840 |
| with disabilities. | 841 |
| Sec. 3313.64. (A) As used in this section and in section | 842 |
| 3313.65 of the Revised Code: | 843 |
| (1)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) of this | 844 |
| section, "parent" means either parent, unless the parents are | 845 |
| separated or divorced or their marriage has been dissolved or | 846 |
| annulled, in which case "parent" means the parent who is the | 847 |
| residential parent and legal custodian of the child. When a | 848 |
| child is in the legal custody of a government agency or a person | 849 |
| other than the child's natural or adoptive parent, "parent" | 850 |
| means the parent with residual parental rights, privileges, and | 851 |
| responsibilities. When a child is in the permanent custody of a | 852 |

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| government agency or a person other than the child's natural or | 853 |
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| adoptive parent, "parent" means the parent who was divested of | 854 |
| parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child | 855 |
| and the right to have the child live with the parent and be the | 856 |
| legal custodian of the child and all residual parental rights, | 857 |
| privileges, and responsibilities. | 858 |
| (b) When a child is the subject of a power of attorney | 859 |
| executed under sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code, | 860 |
| "parent" Parent" means the grandparent designated as a child's | 861 |
| <u>caretaker when the caretaker is the</u> attorney in fact under the <u>a</u> | 862 |
| power of attorney. When a child is the subject of a executed | 863 |
| under sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code or has | 864 |
| <pre>executed a caretaker authorization affidavit executed under</pre> | 865 |
| sections $\frac{3109.64}{2109.65}$ to 3109.73 of the Revised Code, | 866 |
| "parent" means the grandparent that executed the affidavit. | 867 |
| (2) "Legal custody," "permanent custody," and "residual | 868 |
| parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities" have the same | 869 |
| meanings as in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code. | 870 |
| (3) "School district" or "district" means a city, local, | 871 |
| or exempted village school district and excludes any school | 872 |
| operated in an institution maintained by the department of youth | 873 |
| services. | 874 |
| (4) Except as used in division (C)(2) of this section, | 875 |
| "home" means a home, institution, foster home, group home, or | 876 |
| other residential facility in this state that receives and cares | 877 |
| for children, to which any of the following applies: | 878 |
| (a) The home is licensed, certified, or approved for such | 879 |
| purpose by the state or is maintained by the department of youth | 880 |
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| (b) The home is operated by a person who is licensed, | 882 |
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| certified, or approved by the state to operate the home for such | 883 |
| purpose. | 884 |
| (c) The home accepted the child through a placement by a | 885 |
| person licensed, certified, or approved to place a child in such | 886 |
| a home by the state. | 887 |
| (d) The home is a children's home created under section | 888 |
| 5153.21 or 5153.36 of the Revised Code. | 889 |
| (5) "Agency" means all of the following: | 890 |
| (a) A public children services agency; | 891 |
| (b) An organization that holds a certificate issued by the | 892 |
| department of children and youth in accordance with the | 893 |
| requirements of section 5103.03 of the Revised Code and assumes | 894 |
| temporary or permanent custody of children through commitment, | 895 |
| agreement, or surrender, and places children in family homes for | 896 |
| the purpose of adoption; | 897 |
| (c) Comparable agencies of other states or countries that | 898 |
| have complied with applicable requirements of section 2151.39 of | 899 |
| the Revised Code or as applicable, sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 | 900 |
| or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the Revised Code. | 901 |
| (6) A child is placed for adoption if either of the | 902 |
| following occurs: | 903 |
| (a) An agency to which the child has been permanently | 904 |
| committed or surrendered enters into an agreement with a person | 905 |
| pursuant to section 5103.16 of the Revised Code for the care and | 906 |
| adoption of the child. | 907 |
| (b) The child's natural parent places the child pursuant | 908 |
| to section 5103 16 of the Revised Code with a person who will | 909 |

| care for and adopt the child. | 910 |
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| (7) "Preschool child with a disability" has the same | 911 |
| meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code. | 912 |
| (8) "Child," unless otherwise indicated, includes | 913 |
| preschool children with disabilities. | 914 |
| (9) "Active duty" means active duty pursuant to an | 915 |
| executive order of the president of the United States, an act of | 916 |
| the congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 | 917 |
| of the Revised Code. | 918 |
| (B) Except as otherwise provided in section 3321.01 of the | 919 |
| Revised Code for admittance to kindergarten and first grade, a | 920 |
| child who is at least five but under twenty-two years of age and | 921 |
| any preschool child with a disability shall be admitted to | 922 |
| school as provided in this division. | 923 |
| (1) A child shall be admitted to the schools of the school | 924 |
| district in which the child's parent resides. | 925 |
| (2) Except as provided in division (B) of section 2151.362 | 926 |
| and section 3317.30 of the Revised Code, a child who does not | 927 |
| reside in the district where the child's parent resides shall be | 928 |
| admitted to the schools of the district in which the child | 929 |
| resides if any of the following applies: | 930 |
| (a) The child is in the legal or permanent custody of a | 931 |
| government agency or a person other than the child's natural or | 932 |
| adoptive parent. | 933 |
| (b) The child resides in a home. | 934 |
| (c) The child requires special education. | 935 |
| (3) A child who is not entitled under division (B)(2) of | 936 |

| this section to be admitted to the schools of the district where | 937 |
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| the child resides and who is residing with a resident of this | 938 |
| state with whom the child has been placed for adoption shall be | 939 |
| admitted to the schools of the district where the child resides | 940 |
| unless either of the following applies: | 941 |
| (a) The placement for adoption has been terminated. | 942 |
| (b) Another school district is required to admit the child | 943 |
| under division (B)(1) of this section. | 944 |
| Division (B) of this section does not prohibit the board | 945 |
| of education of a school district from placing a child with a | 946 |
| disability who resides in the district in a special education | 947 |
| program outside of the district or its schools in compliance | 948 |
| with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code. | 949 |
| (C) A district shall not charge tuition for children | 950 |
| admitted under division (B)(1) or (3) of this section. If the | 951 |
| district admits a child under division (B)(2) of this section, | 952 |
| tuition shall be paid to the district that admits the child as | 953 |
| provided in divisions (C)(1) to (3) of this section, unless | 954 |
| division (C)(4) of this section applies to the child: | 955 |
| (1) If the child receives special education in accordance | 956 |
| with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the school district of | 957 |
| residence, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, | 958 |
| shall pay tuition for the child in accordance with section | 959 |
| 3323.091, 3323.13, 3323.14, or 3323.141 of the Revised Code | 960 |
| regardless of who has custody of the child or whether the child | 961 |
| resides in a home. | 962 |
| (2) For a child that does not receive special education in | 963 |
| accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, except as | 964 |

otherwise provided in division (C)(2)(d) of this section, if the

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| child is in the permanent or legal custody of a government | 966 |
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| agency or person other than the child's parent, tuition shall be | 967 |
| paid by: | 968 |
| (a) The district in which the child's parent resided at | 969 |
| the time the court removed the child from home or at the time | 970 |
| the court vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the | 971 |
| person or government agency, whichever occurred first; | 972 |
| (b) If the parent's residence at the time the court | 973 |
| removed the child from home or placed the child in the legal or | 974 |
| permanent custody of the person or government agency is unknown, | 975 |
| tuition shall be paid by the district in which the child resided | 976 |
| at the time the child was removed from home or placed in legal | 977 |
| or permanent custody, whichever occurred first; | 978 |
| (c) If a school district cannot be established under | 979 |
| division (C)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, tuition shall be paid | 980 |
| by the district determined as required by section 2151.362 of | 981 |
| the Revised Code by the court at the time it vests custody of | 982 |
| the child in the person or government agency; | 983 |
| (d) If at the time the court removed the child from home | 984 |
| or vested legal or permanent custody of the child in the person | 985 |
| or government agency, whichever occurred first, one parent was | 986 |
| in a residential or correctional facility or a juvenile | 987 |
| residential placement and the other parent, if living and not in | 988 |
| such a facility or placement, was not known to reside in this | 989 |
| state, tuition shall be paid by the district determined under | 990 |
| division (D) of section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as the | 991 |
| district required to pay any tuition while the parent was in | 992 |
| such facility or placement; | 993 |
| (e) If the department of education and workforce has | 994 |

| determined, pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2151.362 of | 995 |
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| the Revised Code, that a school district other than the one | 996 |
| named in the court's initial order, or in a prior determination | 997 |
| of the department, is responsible to bear the cost of educating | 998 |
| the child, the district so determined shall be responsible for | 999 |
| that cost. | 1000 |
| (3) If the child is not in the permanent or legal custody | 1001 |
| of a government agency or person other than the child's parent | 1002 |
| and the child resides in a home, tuition shall be paid by one of | 1003 |
| the following: | 1004 |
| (a) The school district in which the child's parent | 1005 |
| resides; | 1006 |
| (b) If the child's parent is not a resident of this state, | 1007 |
| the home in which the child resides. | 1008 |
| (4) Division (C)(4) of this section applies to any child | 1009 |
| who is admitted to a school district under division (B)(2) of | 1010 |
| this section, resides in a home that is not a foster home, a | 1011 |
| home maintained by the department of youth services, a detention | 1012 |
| facility established under section 2152.41 of the Revised Code, | 1013 |
| or a juvenile facility established under section 2151.65 of the | 1014 |
| Revised Code, and receives educational services at the home or | 1015 |
| facility in which the child resides pursuant to a contract | 1016 |
| between the home or facility and the school district providing | 1017 |
| those services. | 1018 |
| If a child to whom division (C)(4) of this section applies | 1019 |
| is a special education student, a district may choose whether to | 1020 |
| receive a tuition payment for that child under division (C)(4) | 1021 |
| of this section or to receive a payment for that child under | 1022 |
| section 3323.14 of the Revised Code. If a district chooses to | 1023 |

| receive a payment for that child under section 3323.14 of the | 1024 |
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| Revised Code, it shall not receive a tuition payment for that | 1025 |
| child under division (C)(4) of this section. | 1026 |
| If a child to whom division (C)(4) of this section applies | 1027 |
| is not a special education student, a district shall receive a | 1028 |
| tuition payment for that child under division (C)(4) of this | 1029 |
| section. | 1030 |
| In the case of a child to which division (C)(4) of this | 1031 |
| section applies, the total educational cost to be paid for the | 1032 |
| child shall be determined by a formula approved by the | 1033 |
| department of education and workforce, which formula shall be | 1034 |
| designed to calculate a per diem cost for the educational | 1035 |
| services provided to the child for each day the child is served | 1036 |
| and shall reflect the total actual cost incurred in providing | 1037 |
| those services. The department shall certify the total | 1038 |
| educational cost to be paid for the child to both the school | 1039 |
| district providing the educational services and, if different, | 1040 |
| the school district that is responsible to pay tuition for the | 1041 |
| child. The department shall deduct the certified amount from the | 1042 |
| state basic aid funds payable under Chapter 3317. of the Revised | 1043 |
| Code to the district responsible to pay tuition and shall pay | 1044 |
| that amount to the district providing the educational services | 1045 |
| to the child. | 1046 |
| (D) Tuition required to be paid under divisions (C)(2) and | 1047 |
| (3) (a) of this section shall be computed in accordance with | 1048 |
| section 3317.08 of the Revised Code. Tuition required to be paid | 1049 |
| under division (C)(3)(b) of this section shall be computed in | 1050 |
| accordance with section 3317.081 of the Revised Code. If a home | 1051 |
| fails to pay the tuition required by division (C)(3)(b) of this | 1052 |

section, the board of education providing the education may

| recover in a civil action the tuition and the expenses incurred | 1054 |
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| in prosecuting the action, including court costs and reasonable | 1055 |
| attorney's fees. If the prosecuting attorney or city director of | 1056 |
| law represents the board in such action, costs and reasonable | 1057 |
| attorney's fees awarded by the court, based upon the prosecuting | 1058 |
| attorney's, director's, or one of their designee's time spent | 1059 |
| preparing and presenting the case, shall be deposited in the | 1060 |
| county or city general fund. | 1061 |
| (E) A board of education may enroll a child free of any | 1062 |
| tuition obligation for a period not to exceed sixty days, on the | 1063 |
| sworn statement of an adult resident of the district that the | 1064 |
| resident has initiated legal proceedings for custody of the | 1065 |
| child. | 1066 |
| (F) In the case of any individual entitled to attend | 1067 |
| school under this division, no tuition shall be charged by the | 1068 |
| school district of attendance and no other school district shall | 1069 |
| be required to pay tuition for the individual's attendance. | 1070 |
| Notwithstanding division (B), (C), or (E) of this section: | 1071 |
| (1) All persons at least eighteen but under twenty-two | 1072 |
| years of age who live apart from their parents, support | 1073 |
| themselves by their own labor, and have not successfully | 1074 |
| completed the high school curriculum or the individualized | 1075 |
| education program developed for the person by the high school | 1076 |
| pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code, are entitled to | 1077 |
| attend school in the district in which they reside. | 1078 |
| (2) Any child under eighteen years of age who is married | 1079 |
| is entitled to attend school in the child's district of | 1080 |
| residence. | 1081 |

(3) A child is entitled to attend school in the district

| in which either of the child's parents is employed if the child | 1083 |
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| has a medical condition that may require emergency medical | 1084 |
| attention. The parent of a child entitled to attend school under | 1085 |
| division (F)(3) of this section shall submit to the board of | 1086 |
| education of the district in which the parent is employed a | 1087 |
| statement from the child's physician certifying that the child's | 1088 |
| medical condition may require emergency medical attention. The | 1089 |
| statement shall be supported by such other evidence as the board | 1090 |
| may require. | 1091 |
| (4) Any child residing with a person other than the | 1092 |
| child's parent is entitled, for a period not to exceed twelve | 1093 |
| months, to attend school in the district in which that person | 1094 |
| resides if the child's parent files an affidavit with the | 1095 |
| superintendent of the district in which the person with whom the | 1096 |
| child is living resides stating all of the following: | 1097 |
| (a) That the parent is serving outside of the state in the | 1098 |
| armed services of the United States; | 1099 |
| (b) That the parent intends to reside in the district upon | 1100 |
| returning to this state; | 1101 |
| (c) The name and address of the person with whom the child | 1102 |
| is living while the parent is outside the state. | 1103 |
| (5) Any child under the age of twenty-two years who, after | 1104 |
| the death of a parent, resides in a school district other than | 1105 |
| the district in which the child attended school at the time of | 1106 |
| the parent's death is entitled to continue to attend school in | 1107 |
| the district in which the child attended school at the time of | 1108 |
| the parent's death for the remainder of the school year, subject | 1109 |
| to approval of that district board. | 1110 |
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(6) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides

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| with a parent who is having a new house built in a school | 1112 |
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| district outside the district where the parent is residing is | 1113 |
| entitled to attend school for a period of time in the district | 1114 |
| where the new house is being built. In order to be entitled to | 1115 |
| such attendance, the parent shall provide the district | 1116 |
| superintendent with the following: | 1117 |
| (a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing | 1118 |
| the location of the house being built, and stating the parent's | 1119 |
| intention to reside there upon its completion; | 1120 |
| (b) A statement from the builder confirming that a new | 1121 |
| house is being built for the parent and that the house is at the | 1122 |
| location indicated in the parent's statement. | 1123 |
| (7) A child under the age of twenty-two years residing | 1124 |
| with a parent who has a contract to purchase a house in a school | 1125 |
| district outside the district where the parent is residing and | 1126 |
| who is waiting upon the date of closing of the mortgage loan for | 1127 |
| the purchase of such house is entitled to attend school for a | 1128 |
| period of time in the district where the house is being | 1129 |
| purchased. In order to be entitled to such attendance, the | 1130 |
| parent shall provide the district superintendent with the | 1131 |
| following: | 1132 |
| (a) A sworn statement explaining the situation, revealing | 1133 |
| the location of the house being purchased, and stating the | 1134 |
| parent's intent to reside there; | 1135 |
| (b) A statement from a real estate broker or bank officer | 1136 |
| confirming that the parent has a contract to purchase the house, | 1137 |
| that the parent is waiting upon the date of closing of the | 1138 |
| mortgage loan, and that the house is at the location indicated | 1139 |
| in the parent's statement. | 1140 |

The district superintendent shall establish a period of 1141 time not to exceed ninety days during which the child entitled 1142 to attend school under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section 1143 may attend without tuition obligation. A student attending a 1144 school under division (F)(6) or (7) of this section shall be 1145 eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics under the 1146 auspices of that school, provided the board of education of the 1147 school district where the student's parent resides, by a formal 1148 action, releases the student to participate in interscholastic 1149 athletics at the school where the student is attending, and 1150 provided the student receives any authorization required by a 1151 public agency or private organization of which the school 1152 district is a member exercising authority over interscholastic 1153 1154 sports.

- (8) A child whose parent is a full-time employee of a 1155 city, local, or exempted village school district, or of an 1156 educational service center, may be admitted to the schools of 1157 the district where the child's parent is employed, or in the 1158 case of a child whose parent is employed by an educational 1159 service center, in the district that serves the location where 1160 the parent's job is primarily located, provided the district 1161 board of education establishes such an admission policy by 1162 resolution adopted by a majority of its members. Any such policy 1163 shall take effect on the first day of the school year and the 1164 effective date of any amendment or repeal may not be prior to 1165 the first day of the subsequent school year. The policy shall be 1166 uniformly applied to all such children and shall provide for the 1167 admission of any such child upon request of the parent. No child 1168 may be admitted under this policy after the first day of classes 1169 of any school year. 1170
 - (9) A child who is with the child's parent under the care

| of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in | 1172 |
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| section 3113.33 of the Revised Code, is entitled to attend | 1173 |
| school free in the district in which the child is with the | 1174 |
| child's parent, and no other school district shall be required | 1175 |
| to pay tuition for the child's attendance in that school | 1176 |
| district. | 1177 |

The enrollment of a child in a school district under this 1178 division shall not be denied due to a delay in the school 1179 district's receipt of any records required under section 1180 3313.672 of the Revised Code or any other records required for 1181 1182 enrollment. Any days of attendance and any credits earned by a child while enrolled in a school district under this division 1183 shall be transferred to and accepted by any school district in 1184 which the child subsequently enrolls. The department of 1185 education and workforce shall adopt rules to ensure compliance 1186 with this division. 1187

(10) Any child under the age of twenty-two years whose 1188 parent has moved out of the school district after the 1189 commencement of classes in the child's senior year of high 1190 school is entitled, subject to the approval of that district 1191 board, to attend school in the district in which the child 1192 attended school at the time of the parental move for the 1193 remainder of the school year and for one additional semester or 1194 equivalent term. A district board may also adopt a policy 1195 specifying extenuating circumstances under which a student may 1196 continue to attend school under division (F)(10) of this section 1197 for an additional period of time in order to successfully 1198 complete the high school curriculum for the individualized 1199 education program developed for the student by the high school 1200 pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code. 1201

| (11) As used in this division, "grandparent" means a | 1202 |
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| parent of a parent of a child. A child under the age of twenty- | 1203 |
| two years who is in the custody of the child's parent, resides | 1204 |
| with a grandparent, and does not require special education is | 1205 |
| entitled to attend the schools of the district in which the | 1206 |
| child's grandparent resides, provided that, prior to such | 1207 |
| attendance in any school year, the board of education of the | 1208 |
| school district in which the child's grandparent resides and the | 1209 |
| board of education of the school district in which the child's | 1210 |
| parent resides enter into a written agreement specifying that | 1211 |
| good cause exists for such attendance, describing the nature of | 1212 |
| this good cause, and consenting to such attendance. | 1213 |
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In lieu of a consent form signed by a parent, a board of 1214 education may request the grandparent of a child attending 1215 school in the district in which the grandparent resides pursuant 1216 to division (F)(11) of this section to complete any consent form 1217 required by the district, including any authorization required 1218 by sections 3313.712, 3313.713, 3313.716, and 3313.718 of the 1219 Revised Code. Upon request, the grandparent shall complete any 1220 consent form required by the district. A school district shall 1221 not incur any liability solely because of its receipt of a 1222 consent form from a grandparent in lieu of a parent. 1223

Division (F)(11) of this section does not create, and 1224 shall not be construed as creating, a new cause of action or 1225 substantive legal right against a school district, a member of a 1226 board of education, or an employee of a school district. This 1227 section does not affect, and shall not be construed as 1228 affecting, any immunities from defenses to tort liability 1229 created or recognized by Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code for a 1230 school district, member, or employee. 1231

| (12) A child under the age of twenty-two years is entitled | 1232 |
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| to attend school in a school district other than the district in | 1233 |
| which the child is entitled to attend school under division (B), | 1234 |
| (C), or (E) of this section provided that, prior to such | 1235 |
| attendance in any school year, both of the following occur: | 1236 |
| (a) The superintendent of the district in which the child | 1237 |
| is entitled to attend school under division (B), (C), or (E) of | 1238 |
| this section contacts the superintendent of another district for | 1239 |
| purposes of this division; | 1240 |
| (b) The superintendents of both districts enter into a | 1241 |
| written agreement that consents to the attendance and specifies | 1242 |
| that the purpose of such attendance is to protect the student's | 1243 |
| physical or mental well-being or to deal with other extenuating | 1244 |
| circumstances deemed appropriate by the superintendents. | 1245 |
| While an agreement is in effect under this division for a | 1246 |
| student who is not receiving special education under Chapter | 1247 |
| 3323. of the Revised Code and notwithstanding Chapter 3327. of | 1248 |
| the Revised Code, the board of education of neither school | 1249 |
| district involved in the agreement is required to provide | 1250 |
| transportation for the student to and from the school where the | 1251 |
| student attends. | 1252 |
| A student attending a school of a district pursuant to | 1253 |
| this division shall be allowed to participate in all student | 1254 |
| activities, including interscholastic athletics, at the school | 1255 |
| where the student is attending on the same basis as any student | 1256 |
| who has always attended the schools of that district while of | 1257 |
| compulsory school age. | 1258 |
| (13) All school districts shall comply with the "McKinney- | 1259 |

Vento Homeless Assistance Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 11431 et seq., for

| the education of homeless children. Each city, local, and | 1261 |
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| exempted village school district shall comply with the | 1262 |
| requirements of that act governing the provision of a free, | 1263 |
| appropriate public education, including public preschool, to | 1264 |
| each homeless child. | 1265 |
| When a child loses permanent housing and becomes a | 1266 |
| homeless person, as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. 11481(5), or when a | 1267 |
| child who is such a homeless person changes temporary living | 1268 |
| arrangements, the child's parent or guardian shall have the | 1269 |
| option of enrolling the child in either of the following: | 1270 |
| (a) The child's school of origin, as defined in 42 | 1271 |
| U.S.C.A. 11432(g)(3)(C); | 1272 |
| (b) The school that is operated by the school district in | 1273 |
| which the shelter where the child currently resides is located | 1274 |
| and that serves the geographic area in which the shelter is | 1275 |
| located. | 1276 |
| (14) A child under the age of twenty-two years who resides | 1277 |
| with a person other than the child's parent is entitled to | 1278 |
| attend school in the school district in which that person | 1279 |
| resides if both of the following apply: | 1280 |
| (a) That person has been appointed, through a military | 1281 |
| power of attorney executed under section 574(a) of the "National | 1282 |
| Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994," 107 Stat. 1674 | 1283 |
| (1993), 10 U.S.C. 1044b, or through a comparable document | 1284 |
| necessary to complete a family care plan, as the parent's agent | 1285 |
| for the care, custody, and control of the child while the parent | 1286 |
| is on active duty as a member of the national guard or a reserve | 1287 |
| unit of the armed forces of the United States or because the | 1288 |
| parent is a member of the armed forces of the United States and | 1289 |

| is on a duty assignment away from the parent's residence. | 1290 |
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| (b) The military power of attorney or comparable document | 1291 |
| includes at least the authority to enroll the child in school. | 1292 |
| The entitlement to attend school in the district in which | 1293 |
| the parent's agent under the military power of attorney or | 1294 |
| comparable document resides applies until the end of the school | 1295 |
| year in which the military power of attorney or comparable | 1296 |
| document expires. | 1297 |
| (G) A board of education, after approving admission, may | 1298 |
| waive tuition for students who will temporarily reside in the | 1299 |
| district and who are either of the following: | 1300 |
| (1) Residents or domiciliaries of a foreign nation who | 1301 |
| request admission as foreign exchange students; | 1302 |
| (2) Residents or domiciliaries of the United States but | 1303 |
| not of Ohio who request admission as participants in an exchange | 1304 |
| program operated by a student exchange organization. | 1305 |
| (H) Pursuant to sections 3311.211, 3313.90, 3319.01, | 1306 |
| 3323.04, 3327.04, and 3327.06 of the Revised Code, a child may | 1307 |
| attend school or participate in a special education program in a | 1308 |
| school district other than in the district where the child is | 1309 |
| entitled to attend school under division (B) of this section. | 1310 |
| (I)(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this | 1311 |
| section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, a child under | 1312 |
| twenty-two years of age may attend school in the school district | 1313 |
| in which the child, at the end of the first full week of October | 1314 |
| of the school year, was entitled to attend school as otherwise | 1315 |
| provided under this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised | 1316 |
| Code, if at that time the child was enrolled in the schools of | 1317 |
| the district but since that time the child or the child's parent | 1318 |

| has relocated to a new address located outside of that school | 1319 |
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| district and within the same county as the child's or parent's | 1320 |
| address immediately prior to the relocation. The child may | 1321 |
| continue to attend school in the district, and at the school to | 1322 |
| which the child was assigned at the end of the first full week | 1323 |
| of October of the current school year, for the balance of the | 1324 |
| school year. Division (I)(1) of this section applies only if | 1325 |
| both of the following conditions are satisfied: | 1326 |
| (a) The board of education of the school district in which | 1327 |
| the child was entitled to attend school at the end of the first | 1328 |
| full week in October and of the district to which the child or | 1329 |
| child's parent has relocated each has adopted a policy to enroll | 1330 |
| children described in division (I)(1) of this section. | 1331 |
| (b) The child's parent provides written notification of | 1332 |
| the relocation outside of the school district to the | 1333 |
| superintendent of each of the two school districts. | 1334 |
| (2) At the beginning of the school year following the | 1335 |
| school year in which the child or the child's parent relocated | 1336 |
| outside of the school district as described in division (I)(1) | 1337 |
| of this section, the child is not entitled to attend school in | 1338 |
| the school district under that division. | 1339 |
| (3) Any person or entity owing tuition to the school | 1340 |
| district on behalf of the child at the end of the first full | 1341 |
| week in October, as provided in division (C) of this section, | 1342 |
| shall continue to owe such tuition to the district for the | 1343 |
| child's attendance under division (I)(1) of this section for the | 1344 |
| lesser of the balance of the school year or the balance of the | 1345 |

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time that the child attends school in the district under

division (I)(1) of this section.

| (4) A pupil who may attend school in the district under | 1348 |
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| division (I)(1) of this section shall be entitled to | 1349 |
| transportation services pursuant to an agreement between the | 1350 |
| district and the district in which the child or child's parent | 1351 |
| has relocated unless the districts have not entered into such | 1352 |
| agreement, in which case the child shall be entitled to | 1353 |
| transportation services in the same manner as a pupil attending | 1354 |
| school in the district under interdistrict open enrollment as | 1355 |
| described in division (E) of section 3313.981 of the Revised | 1356 |
| Code, regardless of whether the district has adopted an open | 1357 |
| enrollment policy as described in division (B)(1)(b) or (c) of | 1358 |
| section 3313.98 of the Revised Code. | 1359 |
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(J) This division does not apply to a child receiving special education.

A school district required to pay tuition pursuant to 1362 division (C)(2) or (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the 1363 Revised Code shall have an amount deducted under division (C) of 1364 section 3317.023 of the Revised Code equal to its own tuition 1365 rate for the same period of attendance. A school district 1366 entitled to receive tuition pursuant to division (C)(2) or (3) 1367 of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code shall 1368 have an amount credited under division (C) of section 3317.023 1369 of the Revised Code equal to its own tuition rate for the same 1370 period of attendance. If the tuition rate credited to the 1371 district of attendance exceeds the rate deducted from the 1372 district required to pay tuition, the department of education 1373 and workforce shall pay the district of attendance the 1374 difference from amounts deducted from all districts' payments 1375 under division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code but 1376 not credited to other school districts under such division and 1377 from appropriations made for such purpose. The treasurer of each 1378

| school district shall, by the fifteenth day of January and July, | 1379 |
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| furnish the director of education and workforce a report of the | 1380 |
| names of each child who attended the district's schools under | 1381 |
| divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of | 1382 |
| the Revised Code during the preceding six calendar months, the | 1383 |
| duration of the attendance of those children, the school | 1384 |
| district responsible for tuition on behalf of the child, and any | 1385 |
| other information that the director requires. | 1386 |

Upon receipt of the report the director, pursuant to

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division (C) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall

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deduct each district's tuition obligations under divisions (C)

(2) and (3) of this section or section 3313.65 of the Revised

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Code and pay to the district of attendance that amount plus any

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amount required to be paid by the state.

- (K) In the event of a disagreement, the director ofeducation and workforce shall determine the school district inwhich the parent resides.1393
- (L) Nothing in this section requires or authorizes, or 1396 shall be construed to require or authorize, the admission to a 1397 public school in this state of a pupil who has been permanently 1398 excluded from public school attendance by the director pursuant 1399 to sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code. 1400
- (M) In accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, a 1401 child whose parent is a member of the national guard or a 1402 reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States and is 1403 called to active duty, or a child whose parent is a member of 1404 the armed forces of the United States and is ordered to a 1405 temporary duty assignment outside of the district, may continue 1406 to attend school in the district in which the child's parent 1407 lived before being called to active duty or ordered to a 1408

| temporary duty assignment outside of the district, as long as | 1409 |
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| the child's parent continues to be a resident of that district, | 1410 |
| and regardless of where the child lives as a result of the | 1411 |
| parent's active duty status or temporary duty assignment. | 1412 |
| However, the district is not responsible for providing | 1413 |
| transportation for the child if the child lives outside of the | 1414 |
| district as a result of the parent's active duty status or | 1415 |
| temporary duty assignment. | 1416 |
| Sec. 3313.649. (A) As used in this section: | 1417 |
| (1) "Power of attorney" means a power of attorney created | 1418 |
| under section 3109.52 of the Revised Code. | 1419 |
| (2) "Caretaker authorization affidavit" means an affidavit | 1420 |
| executed under section 3109.67 of the Revised Code. | 1421 |
| (B) The grandparent <u>caretaker</u> who is <u>the</u> attorney in fact | 1422 |
| under a power of attorney or the grandparent that who executed a | 1423 |
| caretaker authorization affidavit may enroll the child who is | 1424 |
| the subject of the power of attorney or affidavit in a school in | 1425 |
| the school district in which the <u>grandparentcaretaker</u> resides. | 1426 |
| Unless another reason exists under the Revised Code to exclude | 1427 |
| the child, the child may attend the schools of the school | 1428 |
| district in which the grandparentcaretaker resides. | 1429 |
| Sec. 3313.672. (A) (1) At the time of initial entry to a | 1430 |
| public or nonpublic school, a pupil shall present to the person | 1431 |
| in charge of admission any records given the pupil by the public | 1432 |
| or nonpublic elementary or secondary school the pupil most | 1433 |
| recently attended; a certified copy of an order or decree, or | 1434 |
| modification of such an order or decree allocating parental | 1435 |
| rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and | 1436 |

designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the

| child, as provided in division (B) of this section, if that type | 1438 |
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| of order or decree has been issued; a copy of a power of | 1439 |
| attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, if either has | 1440 |
| been executed with respect to the child pursuant to sections | 1441 |
| 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code; and a certification of | 1442 |
| birth issued pursuant to Chapter 3705. of the Revised Code, a | 1443 |
| comparable certificate or certification issued pursuant to the | 1444 |
| statutes of another state, territory, possession, or nation, or | 1445 |
| a document in lieu of a certificate or certification as | 1446 |
| described in divisions (A)(1)(a) to (e) of this section. Any of | 1447 |
| the following shall be accepted in lieu of a certificate or | 1448 |
| certification of birth by the person in charge of admission: | 1449 |
| (a) A passport or attested transcript of a passport filed | 1450 |
| with a registrar of passports at a point of entry of the United | 1451 |
| States showing the date and place of birth of the child; | 1452 |
| (b) An attested transcript of the certificate of birth; | 1453 |
| (c) An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism | 1454 |
| or other religious record showing the date and place of birth of | 1455 |
| the child; | 1456 |
| (d) An attested transcript of a hospital record showing | 1457 |
| the date and place of birth of the child; | 1458 |
| (e) A birth affidavit. | 1459 |
| (2) If a pupil requesting admission to a school of the | 1460 |
| school district in which the pupil is entitled to attend school | 1461 |
| under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code has been | 1462 |
| discharged or released from the custody of the department of | 1463 |
| youth services under section 5139.51 of the Revised Code just | 1464 |
| prior to requesting admission to the school, no school official | 1465 |
| shall admit that pupil until the records described in divisions | 1466 |

(D) (4) (a) to (d) of section 2152.18 of the Revised Code have 1467 been received by the superintendent of the school district. 1468

- (3) No public or nonpublic school official shall deny a 1469 protected child admission to the school solely because the child 1470 does not present a birth certificate described in division (A) 1471 (1) of this section, a comparable certificate or certification 1472 from another state, territory, possession, or nation, or another 1473 document specified in divisions (A)(1)(a) to (e) of this section 1474 upon registration for entry into the school. However, the 1475 1476 protected child, or the parent, custodian, or guardian of that child, shall present a birth certificate or other document 1477 specified in divisions (A)(1)(a) to (e) of this section to the 1478 person in charge of admission of the school within ninety days 1479 after the child's initial entry into the school. 1480
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) or (3) 1481 of this section, within twenty-four hours of the entry into the 1482 school of a pupil described in division (A)(1) of this section, 1483 a school official shall request the pupil's official records 1484 from the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school the 1485 pupil most recently attended. If the public or nonpublic school 1486 the pupil claims to have most recently attended indicates that 1487 it has no record of the pupil's attendance or the records are 1488 not received within fourteen days of the date of request, or if 1489 the pupil does not present a certification of birth described in 1490 division (A)(1) of this section, a comparable certificate or 1491 certification from another state, territory, possession, or 1492 nation, or another document specified in divisions (A)(1)(a) to 1493 (e) of this section, the principal or chief administrative 1494 officer of the school shall notify the law enforcement agency 1495 having jurisdiction in the area where the pupil resides of this 1496 fact and of the possibility that the pupil may be a missing 1497

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child, as defined in section 2901.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) Whenever an order or decree allocating parental 1499 rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and 1500 designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the 1501 child, including a temporary order, is issued resulting from an 1502 action of divorce, alimony, annulment, or dissolution of 1503 marriage, and the order or decree pertains to a child who is a 1504 pupil in a public or nonpublic school, the residential parent of 1505 the child shall notify the school of those allocations and 1506 designations by providing the person in charge of admission at 1507 the pupil's school with a certified copy of the order or decree 1508 that made the allocation and designation. Whenever there is a 1509 modification of any order or decree allocating parental rights 1510 and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a 1511 residential parent and legal custodian of the child that has 1512 been submitted to a school, the residential parent shall provide 1513 the person in charge of admission at the pupil's school with a 1514 certified copy of the order or decree that makes the 1515 modification. 1516 (2) Whenever a power of attorney is executed under 1517 sections 3109.51 to 3109.62 of the Revised Code that pertains to 1518 a child who is a pupil in a public or nonpublic school, the 1519 attorney in fact shall notify the school of the power of 1520 attorney by providing the person in charge of admission with a 1521 copy of the power of attorney. Whenever a caretaker 1522 authorization affidavit is executed under sections 3109.64 1523 3109.65 to 3109.73 of the Revised Code that pertains to a child 1524 who is in a public or nonpublic school, the grandparent 1525

caretaker who executed the affidavit shall notify the school of

the affidavit by providing the person in charge of admission

with a copy of the affidavit.

(C) If, at the time of a pupil's initial entry to a public 1529 or nonpublic school, the pupil is under the care of a shelter 1530 for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.33 1531 of the Revised Code, the pupil or the pupil's parent shall 1532 notify the school of that fact. Upon being so informed, the 1533 school shall inform the elementary or secondary school from 1534 which it requests the pupil's records of that fact. 1535

(D) Whenever a public or nonpublic school is notified by a 1536 law enforcement agency pursuant to division (D) of section 1537 2901.30 of the Revised Code that a missing child report has been 1538 filed regarding a pupil who is currently or was previously 1539 enrolled in the school, the person in charge of admission at the 1540 school shall mark that pupil's records in such a manner that 1541 whenever a copy of or information regarding the records is 1542 requested, any school official responding to the request is 1543 alerted to the fact that the records are those of a missing 1544 child. Upon any request for a copy of or information regarding a 1545 pupil's records that have been so marked, the person in charge 1546 of admission immediately shall report the request to the law 1547 enforcement agency that notified the school that the pupil is a 1548 missing child. When forwarding a copy of or information from the 1549 pupil's records in response to a request, the person in charge 1550 of admission shall do so in such a way that the receiving 1551 district or school would be unable to discern that the pupil's 1552 records are marked pursuant to this division but shall retain 1553 the mark in the pupil's records until notified that the pupil is 1554 no longer a missing child. Upon notification by a law 1555 enforcement agency that a pupil is no longer a missing child, 1556 the person in charge of admission shall remove the mark from the 1557 pupil's records in such a way that if the records were forwarded 1558 to another district or school, the receiving district or school 1559

| would be unable to discern that the records were ever marked. | 1560 |
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| (E) As used in this section: | 1561 |
| (1) "Protected child" means a child placed in a foster | 1562 |
| home, as that term is defined in section 5103.02 of the Revised | 1563 |
| Code, or in a residential facility. | 1564 |
| (2) "Residential facility" means a group home for | 1565 |
| children, children's crisis care facility, children's | 1566 |
| residential center, residential parenting facility that provides | 1567 |
| twenty-four-hour child care, county children's home, or district | 1568 |
| children's home. | 1569 |
| Section 2. That existing sections 3109.51, 3109.52, | 1570 |
| 3109.53, 3109.54, 3109.59, 3109.60, 3109.65, 3109.66, 3109.67, | 1571 |
| 3109.69, 3109.70, 3109.71, 3109.74, 3109.76, 3310.51, 3313.64, | 1572 |
| 3313.649, and 3313.672 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. | 1573 |
| Section 3. Section 3313.64 of the Revised Code as | 1574 |
| presented in this act takes effect on the later of January 1, | 1575 |
| 2025, or the effective date of this section. (January 1, 2025, | 1576 |
| is the effective date of an earlier amendment to that section by | 1577 |
| H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.) | 1578 |