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To amend sections 2151.421, 3314.03, 3326.11, 1  
3328.24, 5180.40, 5180.401, 5180.402, 5180.403, 2  
and 5180.404 and to enact sections 3313.961, 3  
5180.408, 5180.409, 5180.4010, and 5180.4011 of 4  
the Revised Code to make changes to the law 5  
regarding the uniform statewide automated child 6  
welfare information system, to require public 7  
schools to appoint a child protection liaison, 8  
and to name this act Kei'Mani's Law. 9

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2151.421, 3314.03, 3326.11, 10  
3328.24, 5180.40, 5180.401, 5180.402, 5180.403, and 5180.404 be 11  
amended and sections 3313.961, 5180.408, 5180.409, 5180.4010, 12  
and 5180.4011 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 13

**Sec. 2151.421.** (A) (1) (a) No person described in division 14  
(A) (1) (b) of this section who is acting in an official or 15  
professional capacity and knows, or has reasonable cause to 16  
suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a 17  
similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years 18  
of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a 19  
developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or 20  
faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, 21

injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably 22  
indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to 23  
immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect 24  
to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as 25  
otherwise provided in this division or section 5120.173 of the 26  
Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the 27  
public children services agency or a peace officer in the county 28  
in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is 29  
occurring or has occurred. If the person making the report is a 30  
peace officer, the officer shall make it to the public children 31  
services agency in the county in which the child resides or in 32  
which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the 33  
circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, 34  
the person making the report shall make it to the entity 35  
specified in that section. 36

(b) Division (A)(1)(a) of this section applies to any 37  
person who is an attorney; health care professional; 38  
practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in 39  
section 4731.15 of the Revised Code; licensed school 40  
psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or 41  
marriage and family therapist; coroner; administrator or 42  
employee of a child care center; administrator or employee of a 43  
residential camp, child day camp, or private, nonprofit 44  
therapeutic wilderness camp; administrator or employee of a 45  
certified child care agency or other public or private children 46  
services agency; school teacher; school employee; school 47  
authority; peace officer; humane society agent; dog warden, 48  
deputy dog warden, or other person appointed to act as an animal 49  
control officer for a municipal corporation or township in 50  
accordance with state law, an ordinance, or a resolution; 51  
person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment 52

through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well- 53  
recognized religion; employee of a county department of job and 54  
family services who is a professional and who works with 55  
children and families; employee of an entity that provides home 56  
visiting services under the help me grow program established by 57  
the department of children and youth pursuant to section 5180.21 58  
of the Revised Code; superintendent or regional administrator 59  
employed by the department of youth services; superintendent, 60  
board member, or employee of a county board of developmental 61  
disabilities; investigative agent contracted with by a county 62  
board of developmental disabilities; employee of the department 63  
of developmental disabilities; employee of a facility or home 64  
that provides respite care in accordance with section 5123.171 65  
of the Revised Code; employee of an entity that provides 66  
homemaker services; employee of a qualified organization as 67  
defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; a host family as 68  
defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; foster 69  
caregiver; a person performing the duties of an assessor 70  
pursuant to Chapter 3107. or 5103. of the Revised Code; third 71  
party employed by a public children services agency to assist in 72  
providing child or family related services; court appointed 73  
special advocate; or guardian ad litem. 74

(c) If two or more health care professionals, after 75  
providing health care services to a child, determine or suspect 76  
that the child has been or is being abused or neglected, the 77  
health care professionals may designate one of the health care 78  
professionals to report the abuse or neglect. A single report 79  
made under this division shall meet the reporting requirements 80  
of division (A) (1) of this section. 81

(2) Except as provided in division (A) (3) of this section, 82  
an attorney, physician, or advanced practice registered nurse is 83

not required to make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of 84  
this section concerning any communication the attorney, 85  
physician, or advanced practice registered nurse receives from a 86  
client or patient in an attorney-client, physician-patient, or 87  
advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship, if, in 88  
accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the 89  
Revised Code, the attorney, physician, or advanced practice 90  
registered nurse could not testify with respect to that 91  
communication in a civil or criminal proceeding. 92

(3) The client or patient in an attorney-client, 93  
physician-patient, or advanced practice registered nurse-patient 94  
relationship described in division (A)(2) of this section is 95  
deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege under division 96  
(A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect 97  
to any communication the attorney, physician, or advanced 98  
practice registered nurse receives from the client or patient in 99  
that relationship, and the attorney, physician, or advanced 100  
practice registered nurse shall make a report pursuant to 101  
division (A)(1) of this section with respect to that 102  
communication, if all of the following apply: 103

(a) The client or patient, at the time of the 104  
communication, is a child under eighteen years of age or is a 105  
person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental 106  
disability or physical impairment. 107

(b) The attorney, physician, or advanced practice 108  
registered nurse knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based 109  
on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar 110  
position to suspect that the client or patient has suffered or 111  
faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, 112  
injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably 113

indicates abuse or neglect of the client or patient. 114

(c) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the 115  
client's or patient's attempt to have an abortion without the 116  
notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in 117  
accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised Code. 118

(4) (a) No cleric and no person, other than a volunteer, 119  
designated by any church, religious society, or faith acting as 120  
a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, 121  
religious society, or faith who is acting in an official or 122  
professional capacity, who knows, or has reasonable cause to 123  
believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a 124  
similar position to believe, that a child under eighteen years 125  
of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a 126  
developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or 127  
faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, 128  
injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably 129  
indicates abuse or neglect of the child, and who knows, or has 130  
reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a 131  
reasonable person in a similar position to believe, that another 132  
cleric or another person, other than a volunteer, designated by 133  
a church, religious society, or faith acting as a leader, 134  
official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious 135  
society, or faith caused, or poses the threat of causing, the 136  
wound, injury, disability, or condition that reasonably 137  
indicates abuse or neglect shall fail to immediately report that 138  
knowledge or reasonable cause to believe to the entity or 139  
persons specified in this division. Except as provided in 140  
section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the 141  
report shall make it to the public children services agency or a 142  
peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in 143  
which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the 144

circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, 145  
the person making the report shall make it to the entity 146  
specified in that section. 147

(b) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(c) of this 148  
section, a cleric is not required to make a report pursuant to 149  
division (A)(4)(a) of this section concerning any communication 150  
the cleric receives from a penitent in a cleric-penitent 151  
relationship, if, in accordance with division (C) of section 152  
2317.02 of the Revised Code, the cleric could not testify with 153  
respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding. 154

(c) The penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship 155  
described in division (A)(4)(b) of this section is deemed to 156  
have waived any testimonial privilege under division (C) of 157  
section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect to any 158  
communication the cleric receives from the penitent in that 159  
cleric-penitent relationship, and the cleric shall make a report 160  
pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section with respect to 161  
that communication, if all of the following apply: 162

(i) The penitent, at the time of the communication, is a 163  
child under eighteen years of age or is a person under twenty- 164  
one years of age with a developmental disability or physical 165  
impairment. 166

(ii) The cleric knows, or has reasonable cause to believe 167  
based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar 168  
position to believe, as a result of the communication or any 169  
observations made during that communication, the penitent has 170  
suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental 171  
wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that 172  
reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the penitent. 173

(iii) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the 174  
penitent's attempt to have an abortion performed upon a child 175  
under eighteen years of age or upon a person under twenty-one 176  
years of age with a developmental disability or physical 177  
impairment without the notification of her parents, guardian, or 178  
custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised 179  
Code. 180

(d) Divisions (A) (4) (a) and (c) of this section do not 181  
apply in a cleric-penitent relationship when the disclosure of 182  
any communication the cleric receives from the penitent is in 183  
violation of the sacred trust. 184

(e) As used in divisions (A) (1) and (4) of this section, 185  
"cleric" and "sacred trust" have the same meanings as in section 186  
2317.02 of the Revised Code. 187

(B) Anyone who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect 188  
based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar 189  
circumstances to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of 190  
age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a 191  
developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or 192  
faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, 193  
injury, disability, or other condition of a nature that 194  
reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child may report or 195  
cause reports to be made of that knowledge or reasonable cause 196  
to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. 197  
Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a 198  
person making a report or causing a report to be made under this 199  
division shall make it or cause it to be made to the public 200  
children services agency or to a peace officer. In the 201  
circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, 202  
a person making a report or causing a report to be made under 203

this division shall make it or cause it to be made to the entity 204  
specified in that section. 205

(C) Any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of 206  
this section shall be made forthwith either by telephone, in 207  
person, or electronically and shall be followed by a written 208  
report, if requested by the receiving agency or officer. The 209  
written report shall contain: 210

(1) The names and addresses of the child and the child's 211  
parents or the person or persons having custody of the child, if 212  
known; 213

(2) The child's age and the nature and extent of the 214  
child's injuries, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably 215  
suspected or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the 216  
threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably 217  
suspected or believed, as applicable, to exist, including any 218  
evidence of previous injuries, abuse, or neglect; 219

(3) Any other information, including, but not limited to, 220  
results and reports of any medical examinations, tests, or 221  
procedures performed under division (D) of this section, that 222  
might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injury, abuse, 223  
or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as 224  
applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, 225  
or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as 226  
applicable, to exist. 227

(D) (1) Any person, who is required by division (A) of this 228  
section to report child abuse or child neglect that is known or 229  
reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred, may take or 230  
cause to be taken color photographs of areas of trauma visible 231  
on a child and, if medically necessary for the purpose of 232



diagnosing or treating injuries that are suspected to have 233  
occurred as a result of child abuse or child neglect, perform or 234  
cause to be performed radiological examinations and any other 235  
medical examinations of, and tests or procedures on, the child. 236

(2) The results and any available reports of examinations, 237  
tests, or procedures made under division (D)(1) of this section 238  
shall be included in a report made pursuant to division (A) of 239  
this section. Any additional reports of examinations, tests, or 240  
procedures that become available shall be provided to the public 241  
children services agency, upon request. 242

(3) If a health care professional provides health care 243  
services in a hospital, children's advocacy center, or emergency 244  
medical facility to a child about whom a report has been made 245  
under division (A) of this section, the health care professional 246  
may take any steps that are reasonably necessary for the release 247  
or discharge of the child to an appropriate environment. Before 248  
the child's release or discharge, the health care professional 249  
may obtain information, or consider information obtained, from 250  
other entities or individuals that have knowledge about the 251  
child. Nothing in division (D)(3) of this section shall be 252  
construed to alter the responsibilities of any person under 253  
sections 2151.27 and 2151.31 of the Revised Code. 254

(4) A health care professional may conduct medical 255  
examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings of a child 256  
about whom a report has been made under division (A) of this 257  
section and on other children who reside in the same home as the 258  
child, if the professional determines that the examinations, 259  
tests, or procedures are medically necessary to diagnose or 260  
treat the siblings or other children in order to determine 261  
whether reports under division (A) of this section are warranted 262

with respect to such siblings or other children. The results of 263  
the examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings and other 264  
children may be included in a report made pursuant to division 265  
(A) of this section. 266

(5) Medical examinations, tests, or procedures conducted 267  
under divisions (D)(1) and (4) of this section and decisions 268  
regarding the release or discharge of a child under division (D) 269  
(3) of this section do not constitute a law enforcement 270  
investigation or activity. 271

(E)(1) When a peace officer receives a report made 272  
pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section, upon receipt of 273  
the report, the peace officer who receives the report shall 274  
refer the report to the appropriate public children services 275  
agency, in accordance with requirements specified under division 276  
(B)(6) of section 2151.4221 of the Revised Code, unless an 277  
arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the 278  
appropriate public children services agency being contacted 279  
concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or the 280  
possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child. 281

(2) When a public children services agency receives a 282  
report pursuant to this division or division (A) or (B) of this 283  
section, upon receipt of the report, the public children 284  
services agency shall do all of the following: 285

(a) Comply with section 2151.422 of the Revised Code; 286

(b) If the county served by the agency is also served by a 287  
children's advocacy center and the report alleges sexual abuse 288  
of a child or another type of abuse of a child that is specified 289  
in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as 290  
being within the center's jurisdiction, comply regarding the 291

report with the protocol and procedures for referrals and 292  
investigations, with the coordinating activities, and with the 293  
authority or responsibility for performing or providing 294  
functions, activities, and services stipulated in the 295  
interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the 296  
Revised Code relative to that center; 297

(c) Unless an arrest is made at the time of the report 298  
that results in the appropriate law enforcement agency being 299  
contacted concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or 300  
the possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child, and in 301  
accordance with requirements specified under division (B) (6) of 302  
section 2151.4221 of the Revised Code, notify the appropriate 303  
law enforcement agency of the report, if the public children 304  
services agency received either of the following: 305

(i) A report of abuse of a child; 306

(ii) A report of neglect of a child that alleges a type of 307  
neglect identified by the department of children and youth in 308  
rules adopted under division (L) (2) of this section. 309

(F) No peace officer shall remove a child about whom a 310  
report is made pursuant to this section from the child's 311  
parents, stepparents, or guardian or any other persons having 312  
custody of the child without consultation with the public 313  
children services agency, unless, in the judgment of the 314  
officer, and, if the report was made by a physician or advanced 315  
practice registered nurse, the physician or nurse, immediate 316  
removal is considered essential to protect the child from 317  
further abuse or neglect. The agency that must be consulted 318  
shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the report 319  
as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code. 320

(G) (1) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of the  
Revised Code or in an interagency agreement entered into under  
section 2151.428 of the Revised Code that applies to the  
particular report, the public children services agency shall  
investigate, within twenty-four hours, each report of child  
abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or  
believed to have occurred and of a threat of child abuse or  
child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed  
to exist that is referred to it under this section to determine  
the circumstances surrounding the injuries, abuse, or neglect or  
the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect, the cause of the  
injuries, abuse, neglect, or threat, and the person or persons  
responsible. The investigation shall be made in cooperation with  
the law enforcement agency and in accordance with the memorandum  
of understanding prepared under sections 2151.4220 to 2151.4234  
of the Revised Code. A representative of the public children  
services agency shall, at the time of initial contact with the  
person subject to the investigation, inform the person of the  
specific complaints or allegations made against the person. The  
information shall be given in a manner that is consistent with  
division (I) (1) of this section and protects the rights of the  
person making the report under this section.

A failure to make the investigation in accordance with the  
memorandum is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the  
dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from the report or  
the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of the  
report and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving,  
any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief  
to any person. The public children services agency shall  
immediately report each case to the uniform statewide automated  
child welfare information system that the department of children

and youth shall maintain in accordance with section 5180.40 of 352  
the Revised Code. The public children services agency shall 353  
submit a report of its investigation, in writing, to the law 354  
enforcement agency. 355

(2) The public children services agency shall make any 356  
recommendations to the county prosecuting attorney or city 357  
director of law that it considers necessary to protect any 358  
children that are brought to its attention. 359

(H) (1) (a) Except as provided in divisions (H) (1) (b) and 360  
(I) (3) of this section, any person, health care professional, 361  
hospital, institution, school, health department, or agency 362  
shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for injury, 363  
death, or loss to person or property that otherwise might be 364  
incurred or imposed as a result of any of the following: 365

(i) Participating in the making of reports pursuant to 366  
division (A) of this section or in the making of reports in good 367  
faith, pursuant to division (B) of this section; 368

(ii) Participating in medical examinations, tests, or 369  
procedures under division (D) of this section; 370

(iii) Providing information used in a report made pursuant 371  
to division (A) of this section or providing information in good 372  
faith used in a report made pursuant to division (B) of this 373  
section; 374

(iv) Participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from 375  
a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section or 376  
participating in good faith in a proceeding resulting from a 377  
report made pursuant to division (B) of this section. 378

(b) Immunity under division (H) (1) (a) (ii) of this section 379  
shall not apply when a health care provider has deviated from 380

the standard of care applicable to the provider's profession. 381

(c) Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, 382  
the physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for 383  
excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries, abuse, or 384  
neglect, or the cause of the injuries, abuse, or neglect in any 385  
judicial proceeding resulting from a report submitted pursuant 386  
to this section. 387

(2) In any civil or criminal action or proceeding in which 388  
it is alleged and proved that participation in the making of a 389  
report under this section was not in good faith or participation 390  
in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made under this 391  
section was not in good faith, the court shall award the 392  
prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs and, if a 393  
civil action or proceeding is voluntarily dismissed, may award 394  
reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the party against whom 395  
the civil action or proceeding is brought. 396

(I) (1) Except as provided in divisions (I) (4) and (N) of 397  
this section and sections 2151.423 and 2151.4210 of the Revised 398  
Code, a report made under this section is confidential. The 399  
information provided in a report made pursuant to this section 400  
and the name of the person who made the report shall not be 401  
released for use, and shall not be used, as evidence in any 402  
civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made 403  
the report. Nothing in this division shall preclude the use of 404  
reports of other incidents of known or suspected abuse or 405  
neglect in a civil action or proceeding brought pursuant to 406  
division (M) of this section against a person who is alleged to 407  
have violated division (A) (1) of this section, provided that any 408  
information in a report that would identify the child who is the 409  
subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the maker 410

of the report is not the defendant or an agent or employee of 411  
the defendant, has been redacted. In a criminal proceeding, the 412  
report is admissible in evidence in accordance with the Rules of 413  
Evidence and is subject to discovery in accordance with the 414  
Rules of Criminal Procedure. 415

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (I) (2) (b) of this 416  
section, no person shall permit or encourage the unauthorized 417  
dissemination of the contents of any report made under this 418  
section. 419

(b) A health care professional that obtains the same 420  
information contained in a report made under this section from a 421  
source other than the report may disseminate the information, if 422  
its dissemination is otherwise permitted by law. 423

(3) A person who knowingly makes or causes another person 424  
to make a false report under division (B) of this section that 425  
alleges that any person has committed an act or omission that 426  
resulted in a child being an abused child or a neglected child 427  
is guilty of a violation of section 2921.14 of the Revised Code. 428

(4) If a report is made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of 429  
this section and the child who is the subject of the report dies 430  
for any reason at any time after the report is made, but before 431  
the child attains eighteen years of age, the public children 432  
services agency or peace officer to which the report was made or 433  
referred, on the request of the child fatality review board, the 434  
suicide fatality review committee, or the director of health 435  
pursuant to guidelines established under section 3701.70 of the 436  
Revised Code, shall submit a summary sheet of information 437  
providing a summary of the report to the review board or review 438  
committee of the county in which the deceased child resided at 439  
the time of death or to the director. On the request of the 440

review board, review committee, or director, the agency or peace officer may, at its discretion, make the report available to the review board, review committee, or director. If the county served by the public children services agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report of alleged sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, the agency or center shall perform the duties and functions specified in this division in accordance with the interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that advocacy center.

(5) Not later than five business days after the determination of a disposition, a public children services agency shall advise a person alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on a child who is the subject of a report made pursuant to this section, including a report alleging sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, in writing of the disposition of the investigation. The agency shall not provide to the person any information that identifies the person who made the report, statements of witnesses, or police or other investigative reports. The written notice of disposition shall be made in a form designated by the department of children and youth and shall inform the person of the right to appeal the disposition.

(J) Any report that is required by this section, other than a report that is made to the state highway patrol as described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, shall result in protective services and emergency supportive services being



made available by the public children services agency on behalf 472  
of the children about whom the report is made. The agency 473  
required to provide the services shall be the agency conducting 474  
the investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of 475  
the Revised Code. If a family is determined to benefit from 476  
prevention services, the agency also may make efforts to prevent 477  
neglect or abuse, to enhance a child's welfare, and to preserve 478  
the family unit intact by referring a report for assessment and 479  
provision of services to an agency providing prevention 480  
services, if appropriate prevention services are available from 481  
a local provider or other reasonable source. 482

(K) (1) Except as provided in division (K) (4) or (5) of 483  
this section, a person who is required to make a report under 484  
division (A) of this section may make a reasonable number of 485  
requests of the public children services agency that receives or 486  
is referred the report, or of the children's advocacy center 487  
that is referred the report if the report is referred to a 488  
children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement 489  
entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, to be 490  
provided with the following information: 491

(a) Whether the agency or center has initiated an 492  
investigation of the report; 493

(b) Whether the agency or center is continuing to 494  
investigate the report; 495

(c) Whether the agency or center is otherwise involved 496  
with the child who is the subject of the report; 497

(d) The general status of the health and safety of the 498  
child who is the subject of the report; 499

(e) Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a 500

complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another 501  
court. 502

(2) (a) A person may request the information specified in 503  
division (K) (1) of this section only if, at the time the report 504  
is made, the person's name, address, and telephone number are 505  
provided to the person who receives the report. 506

(b) When a peace officer or employee of a public children 507  
services agency receives a report pursuant to division (A) or 508  
(B) of this section the recipient of the report shall inform the 509  
person of the right to request the information described in 510  
division (K) (1) of this section. The recipient of the report 511  
shall include in the initial child abuse or child neglect report 512  
that the person making the report was so informed and, if 513  
provided at the time of the making of the report, shall include 514  
the person's name, address, and telephone number in the report. 515

(c) If the person making the report provides the person's 516  
name and contact information on making the report, the public 517  
children services agency that received or was referred the 518  
report shall send a written notice via United States mail or 519  
electronic mail, in accordance with the person's preference, to 520  
the person not later than seven calendar days after receipt of 521  
the report. The notice shall provide the status of the agency's 522  
investigation into the report made, who the person may contact 523  
at the agency for further information, and a description of the 524  
person's rights under division (K) (1) of this section. 525

(d) Each request is subject to verification of the 526  
identity of the person making the report. If that person's 527  
identity is verified, the agency shall provide the person with 528  
the information described in division (K) (1) of this section a 529  
reasonable number of times, except that the agency shall not 530

disclose any confidential information regarding the child who is 531  
the subject of the report other than the information described 532  
in those divisions. 533

(3) A request made pursuant to division (K) (1) of this 534  
section is not a substitute for any report required to be made 535  
pursuant to division (A) of this section. 536

(4) If an agency other than the agency that received or 537  
was referred the report is conducting the investigation of the 538  
report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code, the 539  
agency conducting the investigation shall comply with the 540  
requirements of division (K) of this section. 541

(5) A health care professional who made a report under 542  
division (A) of this section, or on whose behalf such a report 543  
was made as provided in division (A) (1) (c) of this section, may 544  
authorize a person to obtain the information described in 545  
division (K) (1) of this section if the person requesting the 546  
information is associated with or acting on behalf of the health 547  
care professional who provided health care services to the child 548  
about whom the report was made. 549

(6) If the person making the report provides the person's 550  
name and contact information on making the report, the public 551  
children services agency that received or was referred the 552  
report shall send a written notice via United States mail or 553  
electronic mail, in accordance with the person's preference, to 554  
the person not later than seven calendar days after the agency 555  
closes the investigation into the case reported by the person. 556  
The notice shall notify the person that the agency has closed 557  
the investigation. 558

(L) (1) The director of children and youth shall adopt 559

rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 560  
implement this section. The department of children and youth may 561  
enter into a plan of cooperation with any other governmental 562  
entity to aid in ensuring that children are protected from abuse 563  
and neglect. The department shall make recommendations to the 564  
attorney general that the department determines are necessary to 565  
protect children from child abuse and child neglect. 566

(2) The director of children and youth shall adopt rules 567  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to identify 568  
the types of neglect of a child that a public children services 569  
agency shall be required to notify law enforcement of pursuant 570  
to division (E) (2) (c) (ii) of this section. 571

(M) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 572  
liable for compensatory and exemplary damages to the child who 573  
would have been the subject of the report that was not made. A 574  
person who brings a civil action or proceeding pursuant to this 575  
division against a person who is alleged to have violated 576  
division (A) (1) of this section may use in the action or 577  
proceeding reports of other incidents of known or suspected 578  
abuse or neglect, provided that any information in a report that 579  
would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the 580  
maker of the report, if the maker is not the defendant or an 581  
agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted. 582

(N) (1) As used in this division: 583

(a) "Out-of-home care" includes a nonchartered nonpublic 584  
school if the alleged child abuse or child neglect, or alleged 585  
threat of child abuse or child neglect, described in a report 586  
received by a public children services agency allegedly occurred 587  
in or involved the nonchartered nonpublic school and the alleged 588  
perpetrator named in the report holds a certificate, permit, or 589

license issued by the state board of education under section 590  
3301.071 or Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code. 591

(b) "Administrator, director, or other chief 592  
administrative officer" means the superintendent of the school 593  
district if the out-of-home care entity subject to a report made 594  
pursuant to this section is a school operated by the district. 595

(2) No later than the end of the day following the day on 596  
which a public children services agency receives a report of 597  
alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged 598  
threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred 599  
in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall 600  
provide written notice of the allegations contained in and the 601  
person named as the alleged perpetrator in the report to the 602  
administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer 603  
of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report 604  
unless the administrator, director, or other chief 605  
administrative officer is named as an alleged perpetrator in the 606  
report. If the administrator, director, or other chief 607  
administrative officer of an out-of-home care entity is named as 608  
an alleged perpetrator in a report of alleged child abuse or 609  
child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse 610  
or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved the 611  
out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide the written 612  
notice to the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care 613  
entity that is the subject of the report. The agency shall not 614  
provide witness statements or police or other investigative 615  
reports. 616

(3) No later than three days after the day on which a 617  
public children services agency that conducted the investigation 618  
as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code 619

makes a disposition of an investigation involving a report of 620  
alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged 621  
threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred 622  
in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall send 623  
written notice of the disposition of the investigation to the 624  
administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer 625  
and the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity. 626  
The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or 627  
other investigative reports. 628

(0) As used in this section: 629

(1) "Children's advocacy center" and "sexual abuse of a 630  
child" have the same meanings as in section 2151.425 of the 631  
Revised Code. 632

(2) "Health care professional" means an individual who 633  
provides health-related services. "Health care professional" 634  
includes all of the following: a physician, including a hospital 635  
intern or resident; a dentist; a podiatrist; a registered nurse, 636  
including such a nurse who is an advanced practice registered 637  
nurse; a licensed practical nurse; a home care nurse; a licensed 638  
psychologist; a speech-language pathologist; an audiologist; a 639  
person engaged in social work or the practice of professional 640  
counseling; and an employee of a home health agency. "Health 641  
care professional" does not include a practitioner of a limited 642  
branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the 643  
Revised Code, licensed school psychologist, independent marriage 644  
and family therapist or marriage and family therapist, or 645  
coroner. 646

(3) "Investigation" means the public children services 647  
agency's response to an accepted report of child abuse or 648  
neglect through either an alternative response or a traditional 649

response. 650

(4) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, 651  
constable, police officer of a township or joint police 652  
district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, or 653  
a state highway patrol trooper. 654

Sec. 3313.961. (A) As used in this section, "law 655  
enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in section 5180.402 656  
of the Revised Code. 657

(B) Each school district, community school established 658  
under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established 659  
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and college-preparatory 660  
boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised 661  
Code shall appoint a child protection liaison who shall do all 662  
of the following regarding any case of child abuse or neglect 663  
involving a student who attends the district or school: 664

(1) Receive, monitor, and respond to the school district's 665  
or school's notifications under section 5180.408 of the Revised 666  
Code and any other correspondence or communication from a public 667  
children services agency or law enforcement agency; 668

(2) Serve as the point of contact between the district or 669  
school and a public children services agency, law enforcement 670  
agency, county prosecuting attorney, and court; 671

(3) Monitor the progression and resolution of a case. 672

(C) An appointed child protection liaison shall utilize 673  
the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system 674  
established under section 5180.40 of the Revised Code in 675  
accordance with rules adopted under section 5180.404 of the 676  
Revised Code as needed to fulfill the duties provided under 677  
division (B) of this section. 678

(D) Each appointed child protection liaison shall complete 679  
both of the following: 680

(1) The training prescribed by section 5180.403 of the 681  
Revised Code; 682

(2) The training prescribed by section 5180.4010 of the 683  
Revised Code. 684

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 685  
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 686  
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 687  
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 688  
contract filed with the director under this section. 689

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 690  
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 691  
following: 692

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 693  
following: 694

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 695  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 696  
2003; 697

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 698  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003. 699

(2) The education program of the school, including the 700  
school's mission and educational philosophy, the characteristics 701  
of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and 702  
grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum; 703

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of 704  
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those 705  
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement 706



assessments; 707

(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to 708  
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 709  
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the 710  
school will be evaluated by the sponsor; 711

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the 712  
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised 713  
Code; 714

(6) (a) Dismissal procedures; 715

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an 716  
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically 717  
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a 718  
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 719  
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 720  
student. 721

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 722  
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 723

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 724  
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 725  
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 726  
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 727  
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 728  
117.10 of the Revised Code. 729

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 730  
to be used that contains at least the following information: 731

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 732  
instructional purposes; 733

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 734

that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 735

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 736  
that are paid by the school; 737

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 738  
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 739  
operator, if any. 740

(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the 741  
following: 742

(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be 743  
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the 744  
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage 745  
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty 746  
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code; 747

(b) A prohibition against the school employing an 748  
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in 749  
any position. 750

(11) That the school will comply with the following 751  
requirements: 752

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a 753  
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 754  
twenty hours per school year. 755

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability 756  
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 757  
the school. 758

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 759  
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 760  
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 761  
religious institution. 762

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 763  
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 764  
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 765  
3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.50, 3313.539, 766  
3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 767  
3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 3313.6026, 768  
3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 769  
3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 770  
3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 771  
3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 772  
3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.814, 773  
3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 774  
3313.96, 3313.961, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 775  
3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 776  
3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 777  
3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 778  
3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 779  
4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 780  
117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. 781  
of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will 782  
comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 783  
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 784

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 785  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 786

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 787  
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 788  
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 789  
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 790  
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 791  
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 792  
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 793

curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 794  
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 795  
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 796  
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 797  
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 798  
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 799  
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 800  
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 801  
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 802  
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 803  
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 804  
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 805  
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 806  
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 807  
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 808  
subject area competency adopted by the department under 809  
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 810  
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 811  
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 812  
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 813  
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 814  
cooperative education developed by the department under division 815  
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 816

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 817  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 818  
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 819  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 820  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 821  
in the school. 822

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 823  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 824

Revised Code as if it were a school district. 825

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 826  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 827  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 828  
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 829  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 830  
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 831  
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 832

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 833  
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 834  
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 835  
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 836  
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 837  
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 838

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 839  
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 840  
unless it is either of the following: 841

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 842  
  
(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 843  
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 844  
division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 845

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 846  
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 847  
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 848  
Revised Code. 849

(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the 850  
Revised Code if it serves elementary school students. 851

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 852

to employees; 853

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 854  
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 855  
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 856  
(D) of this section. 857

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 858  
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 859

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 860  
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 861  
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 862

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition 863  
of employees of the school in the event the contract is 864  
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the 865  
Revised Code; 866

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all 867  
or part of an existing public school or educational service 868  
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is 869  
a converted public school or service center building, both of 870  
the following: 871

(a) Specification of any duties or responsibilities of an 872  
employer that the board of education or service center governing 873  
board that operated the school or building before conversion is 874  
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 875  
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 876  
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 877  
agreement applicable to such employees; 878

(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school 879  
students who choose not to attend the converted school and for 880  
teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after 881

conversion. 882

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 883  
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 884  
governing authority of the community school; 885

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 886  
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 887  
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 888  
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 889  
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 890  
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 891

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 892  
the district in which the school is located; 893

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 894  
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 895  
located; 896

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 897  
other district in the state. 898

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 899  
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 900  
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 901  
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 902

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 903  
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 904  
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 905

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 906

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 907  
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 908  
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 909

compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 910

(b) The authority of the department as the community 911  
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 912  
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 913  
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 914  
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 915  
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 916  
action. 917

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 918  
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 919  
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 920  
with criteria for student participation established by the 921  
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 922  
Revised Code; 923

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 924  
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 925  
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 926  
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 927

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 928  
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 929  
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 930  
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 931  
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 932  
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 933  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 934  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 935  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 936

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 937  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 938



under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 939

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 940  
policies will be available for public inspection; 941

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 942  
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 943  
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 944  
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 945  
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 946  
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 947  
the Revised Code; 948

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 949  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 950  
of the following information: 951

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 952  
will be used; 953

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 954  
be determined and documented; 955

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 956  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 957

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 958  
the school will document participation in learning 959  
opportunities; 960

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be 961  
monitored; 962

(f) A statement describing how private student data will 963  
be protected; 964

(g) A description of the professional development 965

activities that will be offered to teachers. 966

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's 967  
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash 968  
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear 969  
interest at a fair market rate; 970

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing 971  
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity 972  
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity 973  
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has 974  
contracted. 975

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to 976  
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a 977  
student's parent to notify the community school in which the 978  
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of 979  
the parent's or student's primary residence. 980

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to 981  
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for 982  
students enrolling in or attending the school. 983

(34) A provision establishing the process by which the 984  
governing authority of the school will be selected in the 985  
future. 986

(35) A description of the management and administration of 987  
the school. 988

(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to 989  
adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial 990  
controls for the school. 991

(B) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 992  
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 993

community school may provide for the community school governing 994  
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 995  
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 996  
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 997  
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical 998  
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the 999  
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school 1000  
receives from the state. 1001

(C) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 1002  
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 1003  
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 1004  
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 1005

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 1006  
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 1007  
contract; 1008

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 1009  
performance and the organization and operation of the community 1010  
school on at least an annual basis; 1011

(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school 1012  
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 1013  
contract; 1014

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 1015  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 1016  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 1017  
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 1018  
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 1019  
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 1020  
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 1021

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 1022

event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 1023  
closes prior to the end of a school year. 1024

(D) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 1025  
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 1026  
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 1027  
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 1028  
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 1029  
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 1030  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 1031  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 1032  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 1033  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 1034  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 1035

(E) If a community school fails to open for operation 1036  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 1037  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 1038  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 1039  
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 1040  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 1041  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 1042  
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 1043  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 1044

**Sec. 3326.11.** Each science, technology, engineering, and 1045  
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 1046  
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 1047  
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 1048  
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 3302.037, 1049  
3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 1050  
3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.50, 1051  
3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.6012, 1052

3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 1053  
3313.6024, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.61, 1054  
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 1055  
3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 1056  
3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 1057  
3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 1058  
3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 1059  
3313.7118, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 3313.801, 3313.814, 1060  
3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 3313.89, 1061  
3313.96, 3313.961, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 1062  
3319.21, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.32, 3319.321, 3319.324, 1063  
3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.45, 3319.46, 1064  
3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 1065  
3321.041, 3321.05, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 1066  
3321.19, 3321.191, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 1067  
4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 1068  
117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 1069  
4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school 1070  
district. 1071

**Sec. 3328.24.** A college-preparatory boarding school 1072  
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 1073  
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 1074  
3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.474, 3313.5318, 1075  
3313.5319, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 3313.6024, 1076  
3313.6026, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.6114, 1077  
3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.717, 1078  
3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.89, 3313.961, 1079  
3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.318, 3319.324, 3319.39, 1080  
3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 1081  
3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as 1082  
if the school were a school district and the school's board of 1083

trustees were a district board of education. 1084

**Sec. 5180.40.** (A) The department of children and youth 1085  
shall establish and maintain a uniform statewide automated child 1086  
welfare information system in accordance with the requirements 1087  
of 42 U.S.C. 674(a)(3)(C) and related federal regulations and 1088  
guidelines. The information system shall contain records 1089  
regarding any of the following: 1090

(1) Investigations of children and families, and 1091  
children's care in out-of-home care, in accordance with sections 1092  
2151.421 and 5153.16 of the Revised Code; 1093

(2) Care and treatment provided to children and families; 1094

(3) Real-time notifications and deadlines to respond to 1095  
inquiries from public children services agencies, law 1096  
enforcement, courts, school districts, community schools, STEM 1097  
schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and medical 1098  
personnel regarding children and families; 1099

(4) Any other information related to children and families 1100  
that state or federal law, regulation, or rule requires the 1101  
department or a public children services agency to maintain. 1102

(B) "Out-of-home care" has the same meaning as in section 1103  
2151.011 of the Revised Code. 1104

**Sec. 5180.401.** (A) Except as provided in section 5180.402 1105  
of the Revised Code, information contained in or obtained from 1106  
the information system established and maintained under section 1107  
5180.40 of the Revised Code is confidential and is not subject 1108  
to disclosure pursuant to section 149.43 or 1347.08 of the 1109  
Revised Code. 1110

(B) (1) The information contained in the information system 1111

established and maintained under section 5180.40 of the Revised 1112  
Code shall comply with all privacy and security standards under 1113  
state and federal law, including the HIPAA privacy rule and the 1114  
"Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 20 U.S.C. 1115  
1232g. 1116

(2) As used in this section, "HIPAA privacy rule" has the 1117  
same meaning as in section 3798.01 of the Revised Code. 1118

**Sec. 5180.402.** (A) Information contained in the 1119  
information system established and maintained under section 1120  
5180.40 of the Revised Code may be accessed or entered only as 1121  
follows: 1122

(1) The department of job and family services, the 1123  
department of children and youth, a public children services 1124  
agency, a title IV-E agency, a juvenile court, a law enforcement 1125  
agency, a prosecuting attorney, a child protection liaison under 1126  
section 3313.961 of the Revised Code, a private child placing 1127  
agency, and a private noncustodial agency may access or enter 1128  
the information when either of the following is the case: 1129

(a) The access or entry is directly connected with 1130  
assessment, investigation, or services regarding a child or 1131  
family; 1132

(b) The access or entry is permitted by state or federal 1133  
law, rule, or regulation. 1134

(2) A person may access or enter the information in a 1135  
manner, to the extent, and for the purposes authorized by rules 1136  
adopted by the department. 1137

(B) A criminal court may be provided information contained 1138  
in the information system established and maintained under 1139  
section 5180.40 of the Revised Code upon request to the public 1140

children services agency. The agency shall either disseminate 1141  
relevant information regarding a case that is pending before the 1142  
court or limit a criminal court's access to such information in 1143  
accordance with rules adopted under section 5180.404 of the 1144  
Revised Code. 1145

(C) As used in this section, "title: 1146

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means a police department, 1147  
the office of a sheriff, the state highway patrol, or a federal, 1148  
state, or local governmental body that enforces criminal laws 1149  
and that has employees who have a statutory power of arrest. 1150

(2) "Title IV-E agency" means a public children services 1151  
agency or a public entity with which the department of job and 1152  
family services or department of children and youth has a title 1153  
IV-E subgrant agreement in effect. 1154

**Sec. 5180.403.** (A) (1) No person shall access or use 1155  
information contained in the information system established and 1156  
maintained under section 5180.40 of the Revised Code other than 1157  
in accordance with section 5180.402 of the Revised Code or rules 1158  
authorized by that section. 1159

(2) No person shall disclose information obtained from the 1160  
information system established and maintained under section 1161  
5180.40 of the Revised Code in a manner not specified by rules 1162  
authorized by section 5180.404 of the Revised Code. 1163

(B) The department of children and youth shall provide 1164  
mandatory training for all individuals and entities that have 1165  
access to the information system established and maintained 1166  
under section 5180.40 of the Revised Code. The training shall 1167  
include all aspects related to the use of and access to the 1168  
information system, including privacy and confidentiality. 1169



**Sec. 5180.404.** (A) Notwithstanding any provision of the 1170  
Revised Code that requires confidentiality of information that 1171  
is contained in the uniform statewide automated child welfare 1172  
information system established in section 5180.40 of the Revised 1173  
Code, the department of children and youth shall adopt rules in 1174  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding a- 1175  
~~private child placing agency's or private noncustodial agency's~~ 1176  
access, data entry, and use of information in the uniform 1177  
statewide automated child welfare information system for a 1178  
private child placing agency, a private noncustodial agency, a 1179  
criminal court under section 5180.402 of the Revised Code, and a 1180  
child protection liaison under section 3313.961 of the Revised 1181  
Code. 1182

(B) (1) The department of children and youth may adopt 1183  
rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as 1184  
if they were internal management rules, as necessary to carry 1185  
out the purposes of sections 5180.40 to 5180.403 of the Revised 1186  
Code. 1187

(2) The department may adopt rules in accordance with 1188  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to carry out the 1189  
purposes of division (A) (2) of section 5180.402 of the Revised 1190  
Code. 1191

(C) Public children services agencies shall implement and 1192  
use the information system established pursuant to section 1193  
5180.40 of the Revised Code in accordance with rules adopted by 1194  
the department. 1195

**Sec. 5180.408.** (A) When a public children services agency 1196  
enters a report of child abuse or neglect in the uniform 1197  
statewide automated child welfare information system in 1198  
accordance with section 2151.421 of the Revised Code, the agency 1199

shall provide through the information system automatic 1200  
notifications of the report to each of the following: 1201

(1) The law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the 1202  
case; 1203

(2) The school district or school attended by the child 1204  
who is the subject of the report of abuse or neglect; 1205

(3) The county prosecuting attorney, in accordance with 1206  
division (G) (2) of section 2151.421 of the Revised Code. 1207

(B) The department of children and youth shall ensure that 1208  
the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system 1209  
has the capability to allow a public children services agency to 1210  
provide automatic notifications upon entering a report of child 1211  
abuse or neglect in accordance with division (A) of this 1212  
section. 1213

**Sec. 5180.409.** (A) A public children services agency shall 1214  
update each case reported in the uniform statewide automated 1215  
child welfare system established in section 5180.40 of the 1216  
Revised Code on at least a bi-weekly basis. 1217

(B) A public children services agency shall ensure that an 1218  
entry in the uniform statewide automated child welfare 1219  
information system remains active until the agency has confirmed 1220  
that one or more of the following has occurred: 1221

(1) The agency has determined upon investigation that a 1222  
report of child abuse or neglect is unsubstantiated. 1223

(2) A child's case plan has been resolved, and the child 1224  
has been reunified with one or both parents or the child's 1225  
adoption has been finalized or closed. 1226

(3) Services to a family or child are no longer needed or 1227

being provided, and the agency has terminated involvement with 1228  
the family. 1229

**Sec. 5180.4010.** The department of children and youth shall 1230  
develop, provide, and certify a training program for all child 1231  
protection liaisons under section 3313.961 of the Revised Code. 1232  
A child protection liaison shall complete the training upon 1233  
appointment and annually thereafter. The training shall include 1234  
a comprehensive overview of the state's child protection 1235  
process, including the child protection liaison's role in the 1236  
process and use of the uniform statewide automated child welfare 1237  
information system established under section 5180.40 of the 1238  
Revised Code. The department shall ensure that the training is 1239  
updated annually to include any new developments in child 1240  
protection law. The training under this section shall be 1241  
separate and in addition to the training prescribed under 1242  
section 5180.403 of the Revised Code. 1243

**Sec. 5180.4011.** The department of children and youth shall 1244  
submit, on a quarterly basis, a report to the general assembly 1245  
in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code regarding 1246  
the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system 1247  
established under section 5180.40 of the Revised Code. The 1248  
report shall certify compliance with sections 5180.40 to 1249  
5180.4010 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those 1250  
sections and provide updates on the performance of the 1251  
information system. 1252

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2151.421, 3314.03, 1253  
3326.11, 3328.24, 5180.40, 5180.401, 5180.402, 5180.403, and 1254  
5180.404 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1255

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as Kei'Mani's Law. 1256