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A BILL

To enact sections 2108.811, 2108.812, 2108.813, and 1  
2108.814 of the Revised Code regarding parental 2  
disposition of a deceased adult child. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2108.811, 2108.812, 2108.813, and 4  
2108.814 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2108.811.** Under sections 2108.811 to 2108.814 of the 6  
Revised Code, a child shall be considered abandoned if the 7  
child's parent has failed to visit or maintain contact with the 8  
child for more than one consecutive year, regardless of whether 9  
the parent resumes contact with the child after that period of 10  
one year. 11

**Sec. 2108.812.** Both of the following apply to a parent 12  
exercising the right of disposition of a deceased adult child's 13  
remains under division (B) (3) of section 2108.81 of the Revised 14  
Code regarding a parent who abandoned the child at any time 15  
during the child's life: 16

(A) The parent is not required to obtain the consent of, 17

or the input from, the parent who abandoned the child, about the 18  
funeral, burial, or other disposition arrangements of the 19  
child's remains. 20

(B) The parent shall make a good faith effort to notify 21  
the parent who abandoned the child of the child's death. 22

**Sec. 2108.813.** The funeral home, funeral director, 23  
crematory operator, cemetery operator, cemetery organization, or 24  
other person overseeing the deceased child's funeral, burial, 25  
cremation, or other disposition arrangement shall maintain on 26  
file an affidavit documenting a parent's good faith effort to 27  
notify the parent who abandoned the child of the child's death, 28  
under section 2108.812 of the Revised Code. The affidavit shall 29  
state whether notification was successful or, if not successful, 30  
the reason it was not. 31

**Sec. 2108.814.** Sections 2108.811 to 2108.814 of the 32  
Revised Code shall not be construed as limiting, affecting, or 33  
impairing other laws governing disposition of a deceased 34  
person's body. 35