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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) Providing clinical direction to specialized foster
caregivers;

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(4) Supervision of treatment team leaders.

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(B) "Specialized foster home" has the same meaning as in
section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 5103.58. (A) Professional treatment staff employed by
a public children services agency who are not subject to the
licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code
shall meet the requirements of sections 5153.112 and 5153.122 of
the Revised Code.

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(B)(1) Professional treatment staff employed by a private
child placing agency or private noncustodial agency who are not
subject to the licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the
Revised Code shall meet the requirements of:

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(a) Section 5153.112 of the Revised Code; and

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(b) Section 5153.122 of the Revised Code, except that,
with respect to the training requirements during the first year
of continuous employment, staff shall be required to have
training only in the courses described in divisions (A), (B),
(C), (G), (H), (J), and (L) of that section and only for the
number of hours needed to complete those courses.

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(2) Subject to divisions (B)(3) and (4) of this section,
the training required under division (B)(1) of this section may
be offered by a private child placing agency, private
noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization.

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(3) Prior to the department of job and family services
establishing a training program under section 5103.59 of the
Revised Code, training that meets the requirements described in
division (B)(1) of this section may be offered only upon
approval by the department. The department shall approve or
disapprove a program not later than sixty days after the program

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

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

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