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**A BILL**

To enact sections 5103.57, 5103.58, and 5103.59 of 1  
the Revised Code regarding qualifications for 2  
professional treatment staff. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 5103.57, 5103.58, and 5103.59 of 4  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 5103.57.** As used in sections 5103.58 and 5103.59 of 6  
the Revised Code: 7

(A) "Professional treatment staff" means a specialized 8  
foster home program agency employee or contractor with 9  
responsibility for any of the following: 10

(1) Providing rehabilitative services to a child placed in 11  
a specialized foster home program or to the child's family; 12

(2) Conducting home studies as an assessor for specialized 13  
foster homes; 14

(3) Providing clinical direction to specialized foster 15

caregivers; 16

(4) Supervision of treatment team leaders. 17

(B) "Specialized foster home" has the same meaning as in 18  
section 5103.02 of the Revised Code. 19

Sec. 5103.58. (A) Professional treatment staff employed by 20  
a public children services agency who are not subject to the 21  
licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code 22  
shall meet the requirements of sections 5153.112 and 5153.122 of 23  
the Revised Code. 24

(B) (1) Professional treatment staff employed by a private 25  
child placing agency or private noncustodial agency who are not 26  
subject to the licensing requirements of Chapter 4757. of the 27  
Revised Code shall meet the requirements of: 28

(a) Section 5153.112 of the Revised Code; and 29

(b) Section 5153.122 of the Revised Code, except that, 30  
with respect to the training requirements during the first year 31  
of continuous employment, staff shall be required to have 32  
training only in the courses described in divisions (A), (B), 33  
(C), (G), (H), (J), and (L) of that section and only for the 34  
number of hours needed to complete those courses. 35

(2) Subject to divisions (B) (3) and (4) of this section, 36  
the training required under division (B) (1) of this section may 37  
be offered by a private child placing agency, private 38  
noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization. 39

(3) Prior to the department of job and family services 40  
establishing a training program under section 5103.59 of the 41  
Revised Code, training that meets the requirements described in 42  
division (B) (1) of this section may be offered only upon 43

approval by the department. The department shall approve or 44  
disapprove a program not later than sixty days after the program 45  
is submitted for approval. 46

(4) A private child placing agency, private noncustodial 47  
agency, or qualified nonprofit organization shall cease to 48  
provide a training program approved under division (B) (3) of 49  
this section once the department establishes a training program 50  
described in section 5103.59 of the Revised Code, after which 51  
all training shall be provided by the department only. 52

**Sec. 5103.59.** The department of job and family services 53  
shall work with private child placing agencies and private 54  
noncustodial agencies to establish a comprehensive, competency- 55  
based professional treatment staff training program for 56  
employees of private child placing agencies and private 57  
noncustodial agencies that meets the requirements of division 58  
(B) (1) of section 5103.58 of the Revised Code. 59