



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill (LSC 131 0391-2) differs from the immediately preceding version (As Introduced). It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (LSC 131 0391-2)
Alternative guardianship guide	No provision.	Permits the Ohio Judicial Conference, by July 1, 2015, to create, as an alternative to the Attorney General's guide, an alternative guardianship guide, at their own cost, for distribution in the same manner as the Attorney General's guide otherwise would be distributed. Requires the Ohio Judicial Conference's guide to include the Ward's Bill of Rights established by the bill. (R.C. 2111.011(B)(2).)
Substitute guides prohibited	No provision.	Prohibits courts and other entities from creating or distributing a substitute for either the Attorney General's guide or the Ohio Judicial Conference's guide (R.C. 2111.011(B)(2)).
Ward's Bill of Rights: abortion	No provision.	Specifies that abortion services are not appropriate services to which a ward has a right (R.C. 2111.011(E)(3)).

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Ward's Bill of Rights: equal treatment under law	Provides that a ward has a right to equal treatment under the law, regardless of race, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or political affiliation (<i>R.C. 2111.011(E)(7)</i>).	No provision.
Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: payment recipients	Provides that the plan amendment will make federal payments "available" to any "person" who meets requirements specified in the bill (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(A)</i>).	Provides that the plan amendment will make federal payments for foster care "directly to, or on behalf of, any person" who meets requirements specified in the bill. Provides that the plan amendment will make federal adoption assistance payments to a "parent" who meets requirements specified in the bill. Makes other changes to the bill to conform to the payment recipient changes. (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(A)(1), (B)(1), (D), and (E) and 5101.1412.</i>)
Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: parental responsibility requirement	No provision.	Requires the adoptive parent to maintain parental responsibility to the adopted person (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(B)(1)(c)</i>).
Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: timing of adoption assistance request	Permits a person who meets the bill's requirements to apply for adoption assistance payments and to make the application at any time (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(B)</i>).	Permits an adoptive parent who meets the bill's requirements applicable to the adoptive parent to request an extension of adoption assistance payments at any time before the adopted person reaches 21 years of age (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(B)(2)</i>).
Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: required agreement	Requires adopted persons and adults who received foster care to sign a voluntary placement agreement (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(A)(3)</i>).	Requires adults who received foster care to sign a voluntary participation agreement (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(A)(1)(c)</i>).

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Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: voluntary participation agreement specifics	No provision.	Permits a "child" to enter into a voluntary participation agreement with the Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), or its designee, for the child's care and placement. Provides for the agreement to expire within 180 days and prohibits its renewal without court approval. Requires ODJFS, or its designee, prior to the agreement's expiration, to seek court approval that the child's best interest is served by extending the child's care and placement. Defines "child" to include the following who meet the requirements for payments or assistance under the bill: (1) adopted persons, and (2) adult persons who received foster care. (<i>R.C. 5101.141(A)(1) and 5101.1412.</i>)
Foster Care and Adoption Plan Amendment: eligibility for supervised independent living	No provision.	Permits a person who is directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such payments are received under the bill to reside in a supervised independent living setting, including apartment living, room and board arrangements, college or university dormitories, host homes, and shared roommate settings. (<i>R.C. 5101.1411(E)(2).</i>)
Delegation of new ODJFS duties under amended plan	No provision.	Permits ODJFS to designate another person to carry out the new duties under the amended plan for foster care and adoption assistance (<i>R.C. 5101.141(B)(2).</i>)

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Rules for foster care workers and foster care worker supervisors	No provision.	Requires ODJFS to adopt rules to establish the scope of practice and training necessary for foster care workers and their supervisors, who will care for persons who are directly receiving foster care payments, or on whose behalf such payments are received under the bill (<i>R.C. 5101.1414(D)</i>).
Training for foster care workers and foster care worker supervisors	No provision.	Requires the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program established in ODJFS to provide the training required under ODJFS rules for foster care workers and their supervisors (<i>R.C. 5103.30(F)</i>).
Planned permanent living arrangement as initial disposition	No provision.	Requires, with respect to an initial disposition of a child adjudicated to be abused, neglected, or dependent, that the child be at least 16 years old before being placed in a planned permanent living arrangement if the child is unable to function in a family-like setting because of physical, mental, or psychological problems (<i>R.C. 2151.353(A)(5)</i>).
Planned permanent living arrangement after temporary custody	No provision.	Requires, with respect to a child in temporary custody, that if a planned permanent living arrangement dispositional order is requested, the child must be at least 16 years old before being placed in such an arrangement if either of the following apply: (1) the child is unable to function in a family-like setting because of physical, mental, or psychological problems, or (2) the child's parents have significant physical, mental, or psychological problems

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		preventing them from caring for the child, adoption is not in the child's best interest, and the child has a significant and positive relationship with a parent or relative (<i>R.C. 2151.415(C)(1)</i>).
Independent living services	No provision.	Requires a public children services agency or private child placing agency that has custody of, or is providing care in a planned permanent living arrangement, to provide independent living services to children who are at least 14 years old. Provides that if housing is provided as part of the services and the child is 16 or 17, the housing must be supervised or semi-supervised by an adult (limitation does not apply to a child who is 14 or 15 years old). (<i>R.C. 2151.82.</i>)
Appropriation for expansion of foster care services: GRF funds	Appropriates \$2 million of GRF funds in total for FY 2016 and 2017 (<i>Section 3</i>).	Appropriates \$10,220,804 of GRF funds in total for FY 2016 and 2017 (<i>Section 3</i>).
Appropriation for expansion of foster care service: federal funds	Appropriates \$2,500,000 of federal funds for FY 2017 (<i>Section 3</i>).	Appropriates \$14,830,972 of federal funds for FY 2017 (<i>Section 3</i>).

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