

(126th General Assembly)
(Amended Substitute Senate Bill Number 238)

AN ACT

To amend sections 109.57, 109.572, 109.60, 1347.08, 1717.14, 2101.11, 2151.011, 2151.23, 2151.281, 2151.353, 2151.39, 2151.416, 2151.421, 3107.011, 3107.014, 3107.015, 3107.016, 3107.02, 3107.031, 3107.032, 3107.10, 3107.12, 3107.14, 3107.17, 3107.66, 3109.16, 3109.17, 3313.64, 5101.141, 5101.29, 5101.35, 5101.72, 5101.99, 5103.03, 5103.031, 5103.033, 5103.034, 5103.035, 5103.036, 5103.038, 5103.039, 5103.0311, 5103.0312, 5103.0313, 5103.0315, 5103.07, 5103.13, 5103.131, 5103.16, 5104.01, 5104.11, 5104.31, 5153.01, 5153.111, 5153.122, 5153.16, 5153.17, 5153.20, 5153.60, 5153.61, 5153.62, 5153.63, 5153.64, 5153.65, 5153.66, 5153.67, 5153.70, 5153.71, 5153.72, 5153.73, 5153.74, 5153.75, 5153.76, 5153.77, and 5153.78; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 3107.032 (3107.033), 3107.10 (3107.055), 5153.60 (5103.30), 5153.61 (5103.35), 5153.62 (5103.36), 5153.63 (5103.362), 5153.64 (5103.363), 5153.65 (5103.37), 5153.66 (5103.39), 5153.67 (5103.391), 5153.70 (5103.38), 5153.71 (5103.41), 5153.72 (5103.42), 5153.73 (5103.421), 5153.74 (5103.422), 5153.75 (5153.125), 5153.76 (5153.126), 5153.77 (5153.127), and 5153.78 (5103.32); to enact new sections 3107.032, 3107.10, 5103.20, 5103.21, and 5103.22 and sections 2151.423, 3107.034, 3107.101, 5101.13, 5101.131, 5101.132, 5101.133, 5101.134, 5103.162, 5103.18, 5103.301, 5103.302, 5103.303, 5103.31, 5103.33, 5103.34, 5103.361, 5103.40, 5153.123, 5153.124, and 5153.166; and to repeal sections 5103.037, 5103.20, 5103.21, 5103.22, 5103.23, 5103.24, 5103.25, 5103.26, 5103.27, 5103.28, 5153.68, and 5153.69 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing child welfare and other laws regarding the Department of Job and Family Services.

AS EXTRACTED FROM THE ENROLLED VERSION:

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 3. The Department of Job and Family Services shall develop, implement, oversee, and evaluate, on a pilot basis, an "Alternative Response" approach to reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency. The pilot program shall be implemented in not more than ten counties that are selected by the Department and that agree to participate in the pilot program.

The pilot program shall last eighteen months, not including time expended in preparation for the implementation of the pilot program and any post-pilot program evaluation activity.

The Department shall assure that the Alternative Response pilot is independently evaluated with respect to outcomes for children and families, costs, worker satisfaction, and any other criteria the Department determines will be useful in the consideration of statewide implementation of an Alternative Response approach to child protection. The measure associated with the eighteen-month pilot program shall, for the purposes of the evaluation, be compared with those same measures in the pilot counties during the eighteen-month period immediately preceding the beginning of the pilot-program period.

The Department may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules, as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 4. The General Assembly hereby respectfully requests that the Supreme Court adopt rules regarding the standards, qualifications, and service of guardians ad litem.