



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5139.06 Disposition of child.

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(A) When a child has been committed to the department of youth services, the department shall do both of the following:

(1) Place the child in an appropriate institution under the condition that it considers best designed for the training and rehabilitation of the child and the protection of the public, provided that the institutional placement shall be consistent with the order committing the child to its custody;

(2) Maintain the child in institutional care or institutional care in a secure facility for the required period of institutionalization in a manner consistent with division (A)(1) of section 2152.16 and divisions (A) to (F) of section 2152.17 of the Revised Code, whichever are applicable, and with section 5139.38 or division (B), (C), or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) When a child has been committed to the department of youth services and has not been institutionalized or institutionalized in a secure facility for the prescribed minimum period of time, including, but not limited to, a prescribed period of time under division (A)(1)(a) of section 2152.16 of the Revised Code, the department, the child, or the child's parent may request the court that committed the child to order a judicial release to court supervision or a judicial release to department of youth services supervision in accordance with division (B), (C), or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code, and the child may be released from institutionalization or institutionalization in a secure facility in accordance with the applicable division. A child in those circumstances shall not be released from institutionalization or institutionalization in a secure facility except in accordance with section 2152.22 or 5139.38 of the Revised Code. When a child is released pursuant to a judicial release to court supervision under division (B) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code, the department shall comply with division (B)(3) of that section and, if the court requests, shall send the committing court a report on the child's progress in the institution and recommendations for conditions of supervision by the court after release. When a child is released pursuant to a judicial release to department of youth services supervision under division (C) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code, the department shall comply with division (C)(3) of that section relative to the



child and shall send the committing court and the juvenile court of the county in which the child is placed a copy of the treatment and rehabilitation plan described in that division and the conditions that it fixed. The court of the county in which the child is placed may adopt the conditions as an order of the court and may add any additional consistent conditions it considers appropriate, provided that the court may not add any condition that decreases the level or degree of supervision specified by the department in its plan, that substantially increases the financial burden of supervision that will be experienced by the department, or that alters the placement specified by the department in its plan. Any violations of the conditions of the child's judicial release or early release shall be handled pursuant to division (E) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) When a child has been committed to the department of youth services, the department may do any of the following:

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, Chapter 2151., or Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code that prescribe required periods of institutionalization, transfer the child to any other state institution, whenever it appears that the child by reason of mental illness or developmental disability ought to be in another state institution. Before transferring a child to any other state institution, the department shall include in the minutes a record of the order of transfer and the reason for the transfer and, at least seven days prior to the transfer, shall send a certified copy of the order to the person shown by its record to have had the care or custody of the child immediately prior to the child's commitment. Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, no person shall be transferred from a benevolent institution to a correctional institution or to a facility or institution operated by the department of youth services.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, Chapter 2151., or Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code that prescribe required periods of institutionalization, transfer the child under section 5120.162 of the Revised Code to a correctional medical center established by the department of rehabilitation and correction, whenever the child has an illness, physical condition, or other medical problem and it appears that the child would benefit from diagnosis or treatment at the center for that illness, condition, or problem. Before transferring a child to a center, the department of youth services shall include in the minutes a record of the order of transfer and the reason for the transfer and, except in emergency situations, at least seven days prior to the transfer, shall send a certified copy of the order to the person shown by its records to have had the care or custody of the child immediately prior to



the child's commitment. If the transfer of the child occurs in an emergency situation, as soon as possible after the decision is made to make the transfer, the department of youth services shall send a certified copy of the order to the person shown by its records to have had the care or custody of the child immediately prior to the child's commitment. A transfer under this division shall be in accordance with the terms of the agreement the department of youth services enters into with the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.162 of the Revised Code and shall continue only as long as the child reasonably appears to receive benefit from diagnosis or treatment at the center for an illness, physical condition, or other medical problem.

(3) Revoke or modify any order of the department except an order of discharge as often as conditions indicate it to be desirable;

(4) If the child was committed pursuant to division (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 2152.16 of the Revised Code and has been institutionalized or institutionalized in a secure facility for the prescribed minimum periods of time under the division pursuant to which the commitment was made, assign the child to a family home, a group care facility, or other place maintained under public or private auspices, within or without this state, for necessary treatment and rehabilitation, the costs of which may be paid by the department, provided that the department shall notify the committing court, in writing, of the place and terms of the assignment at least fifteen days prior to the scheduled date of the assignment;

(5) Release the child from an institution in accordance with sections 5139.51 to 5139.54 of the Revised Code in the circumstances described in those sections.

(D) The department of youth services shall notify the committing court of any order transferring the physical location of any child committed to it in accordance with section 5139.35 of the Revised Code. Upon the discharge from its custody and control, the department may petition the court for an order terminating its custody and control.