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Section 2151.90 Definitions for R.C. 2151.90 to 2151.9011.

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(A) As used in sections 2151.90 to 2151.9011 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Host family" means any individual who provides care in the individual's private residence for a child or single-family group, at the request of the child's custodial parent, guardian, or legal custodian, under a host family agreement. The individual also may provide care for the individual's own child or children. The term "host family" excludes a foster home.

(2) "Qualified organization" means a private association, organization, corporation, nonprofit, or other entity that is not a Title IV-E reimbursable setting and that has established a program that does all of the following:

(a) Provides resources and services to assist, support, and educate parents, host families, children, or any person hosting a child under a host family agreement on a temporary basis;

(b) Requires a criminal records check on the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;

(c) Requires a background check in the central registry of abuse and neglect of this state from the department of children and youth for the intended host family and all adults residing in the host family's household;

(d) Ensures that the host family is trained on the rights, duties, responsibilities, and limitations as outlined in the host family agreement;

(e) Conduct in-home supervision of a child who is the subject of the host family agreement while the agreement is in force as follows:

(i) For hostings of fewer than thirty days, within two business days of placement and then at least

once a week thereafter;

(ii) For hostings of thirty days but less than ninety days, within two business days of placement and then twice a month;

(iii) For hostings of ninety days or more, within two business days of placement and then an option for less frequent supervision, as determined in accordance with the best interests of the child.

(f) Plans for the return of the child who is the subject of the host family agreement to the child's parents, guardian, or legal custodian.

"Qualified organization" excludes any entity that accepts public money intended for foster care or kinship care funding or the placement of children by a public children services agency, private noncustodial agency, or private child placing agency.

(3) "Temporary basis" means a period of time not to exceed one year, except as provided in section 2151.901 of the Revised Code.

(B) A child may be hosted by a host family only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The hosting is done on a temporary basis.

(2) The hosting is done under a host family agreement entered into with a qualified organization's assistance.

(3) Either one or both of the child's parents, or the child's guardian or legal custodian, are incarcerated, incapacitated, receiving medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment, on active military service, or subject to other circumstances under which the hosting is appropriate.

(4) The host family provides care only to that child or only to a single-family group, in addition to the host family's own child or children if applicable.