



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.453

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(A) The director of children and youth shall adopt rules to administer and implement the Ohio adoption grant program. The director, in consultation with the tax commissioner, shall also adopt rules authorizing the department to withhold and remit to the Internal Revenue Service federal income tax from grant payments under division (B) of section 5180.451 of the Revised Code, provided such withholding is authorized under federal law or approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

(B) No application fee shall be charged for the grant program.

(C) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director may require, as necessary to administer the Ohio adoption grant program, either or both of the following:

(1) Certified copies of any court or legal document necessary to prove a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or recognition of the adoption under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any department, agency, court, or division of the state, including the department of health, to provide any document related to the adoption.

(D)(1) No person shall knowingly produce or submit any false or misleading documentation or information to the department of children and youth in an effort to qualify for or obtain a grant from the Ohio adoption grant program.

(2) Whoever violates division (D)(1) of this section is guilty of falsification in accordance with section 2921.13 of the Revised Code.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained in a rule adopted under section 5180.453 of the Revised Code is not



subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code.
