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Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.50 [Former R.C. 5101.85, amended and renumbered by H.B. 96, 136th General Assembly, effective 9/30/2025] Kinship caregiver defined.

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As used in sections 5180.51 to 5180.514 of the Revised Code, "kinship caregiver" means any of the following who is eighteen years of age or older and is caring for a child in place of the child's parents:

(A) The following individuals related by blood or adoption to the child:

(1) Grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix "great," "great-great," or "great-great-great";

(2) Siblings;

(3) Aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand";

(4) First cousins and first cousins once removed.

(B) Stepparents and stepsiblings of the child;

(C) Spouses and former spouses of individuals named in divisions (A) and (B) of this section;

(D) A legal guardian of the child;

(E) A legal custodian of the child;

(F) Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long-standing relationship or bond with the child or the family, which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties.