



Ohio Revised Code

Section 135.63 Adoption linked deposit program.

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(A) The general assembly finds that strengthening families across Ohio is critical toward ensuring the long-term prosperity of the state. However, the upfront financial costs associated with adoption often deter families from pursuing the adoption process. Accordingly, it is declared to be the public policy of the state through the adoption linked deposit program to create the availability of reduced rate loans to reduce the financial burden of adoption and to strengthen families in this state.

(B) An eligible borrower for the adoption linked deposit program is an individual who is a resident of this state and to whom either of the following applies:

(1) The individual completes a home study pursuant to section 3107.031 of the Revised Code and is approved to adopt.

(2) The individual is pursuing an adoption through the public foster care system and meets the requirements set by the department of job and family services.

(C) An eligible lending institution for the adoption linked deposit program must be able to make secured or unsecured personal loans.

(D) An eligible borrower shall certify on the loan application that the reduced rate loan will be used exclusively to pay for qualifying adoption expenses.
