

~~THE STATE BOARD SHALL EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR. THE COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

114.

~~THE STATE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE ANNUALLY AND MORE FREQUENTLY UPON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN TO REVIEW AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL BOARDS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH REGARD TO FOSTER CARE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THE STATE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE FUNCTION OF LOCAL BOARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICIES FOR THE LOCAL BOARDS IN THIS ACT.~~

115.

~~THE STATE BOARD MAY CREATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL BOARDS BY RESOLUTION, AS NECESSARY, AND THESE BOARDS SHALL FUNCTION IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.~~

116.

~~(A) THE GOALS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS ARE:~~

~~(1) TO REVIEW EVERY SIX MONTHS CASES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE RESIDED IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FOSTER CARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN SIX MONTHS TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACQUIRE PERMANENCY FOR THESE CHILDREN;~~

~~(2) TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE RETURN OF THESE CHILDREN TO THEIR NATURAL PARENTS OR, UPON A DETERMINATION THAT THE RETURN IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, TO INITIATE PROCEDURES TO MAKE THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION;~~

~~(3) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE ALL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN PLACING CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO PLACE CHILDREN WITH PERSONS BOTH SUITABLE AND ELIGIBLE AS ADOPTIVE PARENTS;~~

~~(4) TO ENCOURAGE CHILD-CARING INSTITUTIONS OR AGENCIES TO EXERT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMANENT FOSTER CARE OR GUARDIANSHIP FOR CHILDREN FOR WHOM RETURN TO NATURAL PARENTS OR ADOPTION IS UNFEASIBLE OR IMPOSSIBLE; AND~~

~~(5) TO REPORT TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER CARE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS DEFICIENCIES IN EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT HOMES FOR CHILDREN DISCOVERED IN THE BOARD'S REVIEW.~~

~~(B) SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH REVIEW SESSION, AND FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE COURT.~~