

Further provided that the services provided under such contracts shall include (1) recruitment and screening of prospective adoptive parents; (2) preparation of prospective parents for adoption of children with special needs; (3) identification of an appropriate child for the prospective parent to adopt; (4) design and implementation of a plan to transition a child into the adoptive home; (5) supervision and support of the family and child for at least 12 months following the placement to ensure the permanency of the placement; and (6) finalization of the adoption through the legal system.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the department's program shall begin on or before January 1, 2006.

Further provided that the Department of Human Resources shall report to the budget committees on the progress in developing and implementing the program on or before October 1, 2005, and on a quarterly basis thereafter

Special Fund Appropriation.....
Federal Fund Appropriation.....

216,438,059

718,651

89,106,085

306,262,795

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Provided that 29 regular vacant positions shall be deleted from this budget and the amounts listed below, being funds associated with these positions, shall be restricted and may be used only to increase the State subsidy for employee and retiree health insurance:

\$411,785 general funds

\$841,876 federal funds

Authorization is granted to transfer funds restricted among the programs of the budget as necessary to increase the State subsidy for employee and retiree health