

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 16, § 84.

The former language "of the trial court" is deleted as unnecessary.

No other changes are made.

SUBTITLE 4. ADOPTION SUBSIDY ACT.

PART I. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5-401. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) ELIGIBLE CHILD.

"ELIGIBLE CHILD" MEANS A MINOR CHILD AS TO WHOM:

(1) GUARDIANSHIP WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT UNDER § 5-403 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT A SUBSIDY IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CHILD'S ADOPTION BECAUSE OF THE CHILD'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of former Article 16, § 88A.

Item (1) of this subsection is substituted for the former phrase "legally free for adoption", to conform to the interpretation of that phrase reflected in COMAR 07.02.12.06. This substitution is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

Defined terms: "Local department" § 5-401
"Subsidy" § 5-401

(C) LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

"LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF A COUNTY.