

(A) POWERS.

THAT: (1) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(I) RELATE TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS; AND

(II) ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS SET FORTH IN § 5-544 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) IF THE ADMINISTRATION CONCURS, THE STATE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH CATEGORIES OF FOSTER CARE CHILDREN FOR WHOM A SATISFACTORY PERMANENT PLACEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AND WHO MAY BE EXEMPT FROM REVIEW BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(B) DUTIES.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS;

(2) REVIEW AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL BOARDS;

(3) ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT RELATE TO REPORTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION;

(4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT RELATE TO FOSTER CARE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND

(5) SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 40, § 51 OF THE CODE, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH YEAR ON THE STATUS OF FOSTER CARE CHILDREN IN THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 88A, § 118, except the reference in that section to the frequency of meetings, and § 119(d) and (e).

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the term "placement" is substituted for the former term "arrangement" to conform to the language used in § 5-544 of this subtitle.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, "public" is substituted for "State, county", to conform to other similar references in this title.

Defined terms: "Foster care" § 5-501  
"Local board" § 5-501 "State Board" § 5-501

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