

(II) IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING MOST APPROPRIATE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS;

(3) THAT UNLESS THE STATE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD CANNOT BE MET THROUGH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE NONRESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, HOME, FOSTER HOME, ALTERNATIVE LIVING UNIT, OR GROUP HOME, THE STATE MAY NOT FUND THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN A MORE RESTRICTIVE SETTING; AND

~~(3)~~ (4) TO PREVENT THE UNNECESSARY PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH ~~DISABILITIES~~ SPECIAL NEEDS IN OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS.

~~(B) (C) (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), BY OCTOBER 1, 1992 THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT:~~

~~(I) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1993 THE STATE MAY NOT APPROVE FUNDING FOR ANY NEW OUT OF STATE RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS;~~

~~(II) BY JULY 1, 1994 A MINIMUM OF ONE THIRD OF THE CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY PLACED OUTSIDE THE STATE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE STATE;~~

~~(III) BY JULY 1, 1995 A MINIMUM OF ONE HALF OF THE CHILDREN REMAINING IN OUT OF STATE PLACEMENTS SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE STATE;~~

~~(IV) BY JULY 1, 1996 ALL REMAINING CHILDREN PLACED OUTSIDE THE STATE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE STATE BY DECEMBER 31, 1992, THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN FOR RETURNING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CURRENT OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS TO MARYLAND AND PREVENTING FUTURE OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS.~~

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B)(3) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE PLAN SHALL HAVE A GOAL OF RETURNING ALL CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FROM OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS BY JULY 1, 1997.

(2) (3) THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES AND THE COMMITTEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL IDENTIFY INCLUDE: