

~~(H) 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.~~

(B) (1) 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 SUBSECTION SUBSECTIONS (A)(3) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PLAN SHALL HAVE A GOAL OF RETURNING ALL CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FROM OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS TO MARYLAND BY JULY 1, 1997.

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

(I) HOW THE STATE AND LOCAL PLANNING ENTITIES AS DESCRIBED UNDER § 11 OF THIS ARTICLE WILL DEVELOP THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF SERVICES NECESSARY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SPECIAL NEEDS TO RECEIVE QUALITY SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE; AND

(II) ANY NEEDED CHANGES IN RATE-SETTING AND LICENSING, AND ANY FLEXIBLE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL;

(III) FLEXIBLE FUNDING STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES TO ASSIST IN RETURNING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FROM OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS TO MARYLAND;

(IV) THE AMOUNT AND SOURCES OF FUNDS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN; AND

(V) ANYTHING ELSE ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR DATA NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.