

CHAPTER 131**ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AND CHILD WELFARE
ACT OF 1980 REQUIREMENTS****Authority**

N.J.S.A. 30:4C-4 and 30:1-12.

Source and Effective Date

R.1992 d.437, effective October 7, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2522(a), 24 N.J.R. 4055(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Pursuant to the requirements and criteria of Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 131, Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 Requirements, expires on October 7, 1997.

Chapter Historical Note

All provisions of this chapter became effective September 20, 1982 as R.1982 d.317. See: 14 N.J.R. 744(a), 14 N.J.R. 1057(b). The chapter expired September 20, 1987 pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978). New rules became effective December 7, 1987 as R.1987 d.317. See: 19 N.J.R. 1285(a), 19 N.J.R. 2301(a). Chapter 131 was readopted in accordance with Executive Order No. 66(1978). See Source and Effective Date.

See section annotations for additional rulemaking.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. TITLE IV-B STATE PLAN:
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES****10:131-1.1 State Child Welfare Services Plan**

New Jersey develops an annual State Child Welfare Services Plan. Copies of the State Child Welfare Services Plan may be obtained from:

Division of Youth and Family Services
Office of Policy, Planning and Support
50 East State Street
CN 717
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0717

Amended by R.1992 d.437, effective November 2, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2522(a), 24 N.J.R. 4055(a).
Address of DYFS office changed.

**SUBCHAPTER 2. GOALS FOR CHILDREN
REMAINING IN FOSTER CARE IN EXCESS
OF 24 MONTHS****10:131-2.1 State child welfare services permanency
planning**

The Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-272) mandates that specific goals be established by State law before October 1st for each fiscal year as to the maximum number of Title IV-E eligible children who will remain in foster care for more than 24 months. This requirement is consistent with the intent of the legislation to improve services provided to children and their families, therefore reducing the number of children removed from their families and increasing the number of children returned to their families from out-of-home placement. This requirement is also consistent with the goal of the Division of Youth and Family Services, under N.J.S.A. 30:4C-1 et seq., to provide all children with permanency planning, therefore minimizing the number of children in temporary out-of-home placement.

10:131-2.2 State child welfare services goals

New Jersey has established that no more than 2,150 Title IV-E eligible children will remain in foster care for more than 24 months during Federal fiscal year 1983 and thereafter. The Division of Youth and Family Services will make every effort within available resources to ensure that services are provided to maintain children in their own homes and to reunify children in out-of-home placement with their families as quickly as possible.