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SYNOPSIS

Allows direct deposit of adoption subsidy payments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning subsidized adoption and amending P.L.1973,
2 c.81.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1973, c.81 (C.30:4C-46) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. The Division of **【Youth and Family Services】** Child
10 Protection and Permanency shall make payments to adoptive
11 parents on behalf of a child placed for adoption by the division
12 whenever:

13 a. The child because of physical or mental condition, race, age,
14 or membership in a sibling group, or for any other reason falls into
15 the category of a child hard to place for adoption;

16 b. The adoptive family is capable of providing the permanent
17 family relationships needed by the child; and

18 c. Except in situations involving adoption by a child's resource
19 family parent, there has been a reasonable effort to place the child
20 in an adoptive setting without providing a subsidy.

21 Payments shall be made on behalf of a child placed for adoption
22 by the division except that whenever a child who would otherwise
23 be eligible for subsidy payment is in the care of an approved New
24 Jersey adoption agency pursuant to P.L.1977, c.367 (C.9:3-37 et
25 seq.) a child shall, upon application by the agency and satisfaction
26 of the regular requirements of the adoption subsidy program, be
27 approved for participation in the adoption subsidy program. In any
28 case the division may approve payment in subsidization of adoption
29 for a child without legal transfer of care or custody of the child to
30 the division. The division shall adopt regulations for administration
31 of this program with respect to these children, except that all
32 children are evaluated for eligibility in the same manner as children
33 already under the care, custody, or guardianship of the division.

34 d. The division shall establish policies and procedures to allow
35 for the disbursement of subsidy payments by direct deposit into an
36 adoptive parent's bank account. Such disbursement shall be made
37 upon written request of the adoptive parent.

38 (cf: P.L.2004, c.130, s.82)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires that the Division of Child Protection and
46 Permanency in the Department of Children and Families establish
47 policies and procedures to allow for the disbursement of adoption

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 subsidy payments by direct deposit into an adoptive parent's bank
2 account upon written request of the adoptive parent. Currently,
3 adoption subsidy payments are made by paper check and mailed by
4 the Department of Treasury to the adoptive parent's current mailing
5 address.