

SENATE, No. 1824

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Permits payments in subsidized adoption until child becomes 21 years of age under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning subsidized adoptions 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 3 of P.L.1973, c.81 (C.30:4C-47) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. Payments in subsidization of adoption shall include but are
10 not limited to the maintenance costs, medical and surgical expenses,
11 and other costs incidental to the care, training and education of the
12 child. Such payments may not exceed the cost of providing
13 comparable assistance in resource family care and shall not be made
14 after the adoptive child becomes 18 years of age, except that
15 payments shall be made until the child becomes 21 years of age if
16 the child is either enrolled as a student of a secondary school or its
17 equivalent, or is otherwise designated as eligible for such payments
18 under rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
19 Children and Families.
20 (cf: P.L.2005, c.169, s.12)

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22 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after the date of
23 enactment, but the Commissioner of Children and Families may
24 take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as
25 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill amends section 3 of P.L.1973, c.81 (C.30:4C-47),
31 concerning payments to adoptive parents on behalf of a hard-to-
32 place child in a subsidized adoption, to provide that payments may
33 be made until the child becomes 21 years of age if the child is
34 designated for such payments under regulations adopted by the
35 Commissioner of Children and Families. Under current law, the
36 payments on behalf of a child may be made until the child becomes
37 21 years of age only if the child is enrolled as a student of a
38 secondary school or its equivalent.

39 The bill has a delayed effective date of 180 days following its
40 enactment to allow time for the Commissioner of Children and
41 Families to adopt regulations designating which children would be
42 eligible for such payments.

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.