

1 AN ACT in relation to adoption procedures.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by changing Section 7.3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/7.3)

7 Sec. 7.3. Placement plan. The Department shall develop
8 and implement a written plan for placing children. The plan
9 must ~~shall~~ include at least the following features:

10 (1) A plan for recruiting minority adoptive and
11 foster families. The plan shall include strategies for
12 using existing resources in minority communities, use of
13 minority outreach staff whenever possible, use of
14 minority foster homes for placements after birth and
15 before adoption, and other techniques as appropriate.

16 (2) A plan for training adoptive and foster
17 families of minority children.

18 (3) A plan for employing social workers in adoption
19 and foster care. The plan shall include staffing goals
20 and objectives.

21 (4) A plan for ensuring that adoption and foster
22 care workers attend training offered or approved by the
23 Department regarding the State's goal of encouraging
24 cultural diversity and the needs of special needs
25 children.

26 (5) A plan that includes policies and procedures
27 for determining for each child requiring placement
28 outside of his or her home, and who cannot be immediately
29 returned to his or her parents or guardian, the placement
30 needs of that child. In the rare instance when an
31 individualized assessment identifies, documents, and

1 substantiates that race, color, or national origin is a
2 factor that needs to be considered in advancing a
3 particular child's best interests, it shall be considered
4 in making a placement.

5 (Source: P.A. 92-334, eff. 8-10-01.)

6 Section 10. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
7 changing Section 2-10.1 as follows:

8 (705 ILCS 405/2-10.1) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-10.1)

9 Sec. 2-10.1. If ~~Whenever~~ a minor is placed in shelter
10 care with the Department or a licensed child welfare agency
11 in accordance with Section 2-10, the Department or agency, as
12 appropriate, shall prepare and file with the court within 45
13 days of placement under Section 2-10 a case plan which
14 complies with the federal Adoption Assistance and Child
15 Welfare Act of 1980 and is consistent with the health, safety
16 and best interests of the minor.

17 (Source: P.A. 90-28, eff. 1-1-98.)

18 Section 15. The Adoption Act is amended by changing
19 Section 3 as follows:

20 (750 ILCS 50/3) (from Ch. 40, par. 1504)

21 Sec. 3. Who may be adopted.

22 A male or female child, or an adult, may be adopted,
23 provided the other conditions set forth in this Act are met,
24 and further provided, with respect to an adult, that the ~~such~~
25 adult has resided in the home of the persons intending to
26 adopt him at any time for more than 2 years continuously
27 preceding the commencement of an adoption proceeding, or in
28 the alternative that the ~~such~~ persons are related to him
29 within a degree set forth in the definition of a related
30 child in Section 1 of this Act.

1 (Source: Laws 1959, p. 1269.)