

30:4C-26.9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 30:4C-26.9 (Foster and adoptive parents-- prospective-- provisional approval)

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SPONSOR(S): Bassano

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Senate: Children's Services

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SENATE, No. 2019

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 1988

By Senator BASSANO

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2 foster or adoptive parents and supplementing P.L. 1985, c. 396
3 (C. 30:4C-26.8).

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

7 1. The Department of Human Services may grant provisional
8 approval to a prospective foster or adoptive parent for a period
9 not to exceed six months ¹upon completion of the State portion
10 of the criminal history record investigation required pursuant to
11 P.L. 1985, c. 396 (C. 30:4C-26.8),¹ pending completion and
12 review of the ¹federal portion of the¹ criminal history record
13 investigation required pursuant to ¹[P.L. 1985, c. 396
14 (C. 30:4C-26.8)] that act,¹ if the prospective foster or adoptive
15 parent and any adult residing in the prospective parent's home
16 submit a sworn statement to the Department of Human Services
17 attesting that the person does not have a record of criminal
18 history.

19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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HUMAN SERVICES

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25 **Permits the provisional approval of prospective foster or adoptive
parents.**

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted June 13, 1988.

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STATEMENT

21 Under current State law, P.L. 1985, c. 396 (C.30:4C-26.8)
22 requires that all prospective foster and adoptive parents and
23 adult members of households residing in the prospective parent's
24 home undergo and complete State and federal criminal history
25 record background investigations before they are approved as
26 foster or adoptive parents. Given the delays in obtaining federal
27 records, this requirement has made it difficult to approve much
28 needed new foster and adoptive parents in a timely manner.

29 The purpose of this bill is to provisionally allow the
30 Department of Human Services to approve a prospective foster or
31 adoptive parent provided that the individual and other adults
32 residing in the prospective parent's home submit a sworn
33 statement to the Department of Human Services attesting that
34 the person does not have a record of criminal history. This
35 provisional status shall not exceed six months.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2019

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 1988

The Assembly Health and Human Resources Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2019.

This bill provides that the Department of Human Services may approve a prospective foster or adoptive parent on a provisional basis if the individual and other adults residing in the prospective parent's home submit a sworn statement to the department attesting that the person does not have a record of criminal history. This provisional status is not to exceed six months.

Currently, all prospective foster and adoptive parents and adult members of households residing in the prospective parent's home are required to undergo and complete State and federal criminal history record background investigations before they are approved as foster or adoptive parents, pursuant to P.L. 1985, c. 396 (C. 30:4C-26.8). Because of delays in obtaining federal records, this requirement has made it difficult to approve much needed new foster and adoptive parents in a timely manner.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1056 (Singer/Farragher), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2019

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 18, 1988

The Senate Committee on Children's Services favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2019.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Department of Human Services to provisionally approve a prospective foster or adoptive parent provided that the individual and other adults residing in the prospective parent's home submit a sworn statement to the Department of Human Services attesting that the person does not have a record of criminal history. This provisional status shall not exceed six months.

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