

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHILD-PLACING AUTHORITY ACT OF 1979

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

APRIL 23, 1980

To authorize the Mayor to approve rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee on Regulations relating to private child-placing agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Child-Placing Authority Act of 1979".

Sec. 2. An Act to regulate the placing of children in family homes, and for other purposes, approved April 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 193; D.C. Code, Sec. 32-782 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(a) by striking the word "Commissioners" wherever it appears and inserting the word "Mayor" in its place; and

(b) by amending section 3 (D.C. Code sec. 32-783) to read as follows:

"(a) The Mayor shall appoint a committee to formulate and adopt rules and regulations, prescribing standards of place, care, and services to be required of child-placing agencies, pursuant to the intent and purposes of this Act. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) representatives of the Department of Human Resources, of who two (2) shall be from the Social Rehabilitation Administration, one of who shall act as chairperson, and one from the Community Health and Hospitals Administration; two (2) representatives from each of the charitable organizations of the District of Columbia licensed to place children in family homes, a member of the legal profession, and a member of the medical profession. The terms of office of each member of the committee shall be three (3) years, staggered so that one-third of the appointments expire each year. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Upon expiration of his term of office a member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

"(b) Rules and regulations promulgated by the committee shall be:

"(1) issued according to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1501 et seq.);

"(2) reviewed by the committee annually and amended when deemed necessary; and

"(3) subject to the approval of the Mayor."

(c) Section 13 (D.C. Code, sec. 32-791) is repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a thirty (30) day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-147(c)(1)).

Source

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 3-193, on first and second readings, January 22, 1980 and February 5, 1980 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on February 26, 1980, this legislation was assigned Act No. 3-155, published in the March 7, 1980, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 27 page 983) and transmitted to Congress on March 3, 1980 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and, therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 3-59 effective April 23, 1980.