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DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (*Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.*)

PART 4. SERVICES FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN [16000 - 16589] (*Heading of Part 4 amended by Stats. 1978, Ch. 429.*)

CHAPTER 2.2. State Adoption Services [16130 - 16133] (*Chapter 2.2 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 879.*)

16130. In any county which does not have a county adoption agency established pursuant to Section 16100, the department may establish services incident to the relinquishment of children for adoption. The services shall be provided in such manner as may be deemed advisable by the department.

(*Added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 879.*)

16131. It is the intent of the Legislature to conform state statutes to federal legislation, including the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (Public Law 113-183) and the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-89), and to reinvest any incentive payments received through implementation of the federal act into the child welfare system in order to provide adoption services and other legal permanency options for children.

(*Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 425, Sec. 25. (SB 794) Effective January 1, 2016.*)

16131.5. (a) The state shall reinvest adoption and guardianship incentive payments received through the implementation of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351) and the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (Public Law 113-183) into the child welfare system, in order to provide legal permanency outcomes for older children, including, but not limited to, adoption, guardianship, and reunification of children whose reunification services were previously terminated.

(b) The incentive payments received pursuant to subdivision (a), upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute, shall be allocated by the State Department of Social Services to the counties, and the department for a county in which the department serves as an adoption agency, based on documented increases in legal permanency outcomes for older children achieved by each county, as determined by the department, in consultation with counties, for the purposes specified in this section.

(c) A county, or the department when it acts as the adoption agency for a county, shall use adoption and guardianship incentive payment funds to improve or sustain legal permanency outcomes for older children.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supplant funds currently being spent on programs to provide legal permanency outcomes.

(*Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 425, Sec. 26. (SB 794) Effective January 1, 2016.*)

16132. It is the intent of the Legislature to conform state statutes to recently enacted federal legislation, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351) and to expend savings resulting from changes in eligibility for adoption assistance on services, including, but not limited to, postadoption assistance, that may be provided under Title IV-B and IV-E of the federal Social Security Act.

(*Added by Stats. 2009, Ch. 222, Sec. 3. (AB 154) Effective January 1, 2010.*)

16133. On and after July 1, 2011, when a person has been an employee of the State Department of Social Services within the 12-month period prior to his or her employment by a county, the board of supervisors, to the extent feasible, may allow that person to retain, as a county employee, those employee benefits to which that person was entitled or had accumulated as an employee of the State Department of Social Services, or provide that employee with comparable benefits provided for other county employees whose services as county employees is equal to the state service of the former employee of the State Department of Social Services.

These benefits include, but are not limited to, retirement benefits, seniority rights under civil service, accumulated vacation, and sick leave.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 35, Sec. 114. (SB 1013) Effective June 27, 2012.)