

CHAPTER 136

AN ACT concerning contracting for social services and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.30:1-1.2 Establishment of contracts, licensing for social services providers.

1. The Commissioners of Human Services and Children and Families, or their designees, shall, to the extent practicable, collaborate to establish:

a. uniform contracting requirements for social service organizations that contract with the Department of Human Services or the Department of Children and Families, or both, to provide services to clients of the departments. The requirements shall include, but not be limited to, uniform reporting procedures and uniform audit schedules;

b. centralized licensing review and licensing issuance procedures in which:

(1) the Department of Human Services or the Department of Children and Families, as appropriate, shall review the requirements for the purpose of licensing the program to provide specified services to clients of the applicable department, which review shall serve as the basis for issuing or renewing one or more licenses required by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Children and Families, or both, to provide other services to clients of the departments;

(2) in the case of an organization with programs licensed to provide services through both the Department of Human Services and the Department of Children and Families, each program shall be issued a license by a single department, to the extent practicable, in accordance with the agreed upon licensing issuance procedures; and

c. a multi-year contract to a social service organization that has exhibited a good compliance record with contracting requirements and licensing standards, as determined by the Commissioner of Human Services or the Commissioner of Children and Families, as applicable.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month next following the date of enactment.

Approved September 30, 2011.