

# SENATE, No. 2712

Senate, August 24, 2006.

Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Hart) for House Bill relative to the economic development of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5253).

SECTION 2. Section 9 of chapter 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Placement agency" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, one of the principal purposes of which is providing custodial care and social services to children and that receives, by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency or as a result of a referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under 18 years of age, for placement in family foster care or a group care facility, or for adoption.

Shortage of agencies?  
largest?

Pro to implementation  
of placement

Agencies still exist but  
not working?

*[ Definition of "Placement agency" effective until September 7, 2006.]*

**(This is the OLD language)**

"Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under chapter one hundred and eighty, one of whose principal purposes is providing custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under eighteen years of age, for placement in family foster care or a group care facility, or for adoption.

*[ Definition of "Placement agency" as amended by 2006, 293, Sec. 2 effective September 7, 2006.]*

**(This is the NEW language – changes highlighted.)**

"Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, one of whose principal purposes is providing custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian, by contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under 18 years of age, for placement in family foster care or a group care facility, or for adoption.

**Note:** Ch. 180 is the portion of the General Laws governing "Corporations for Charitable and Certain Other Purposes"