

**38-319. Policy of state to identify and encourage adoption of certain hard-to-place children; financial support.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state to identify and encourage the adoption of certain hard-to-place children now living in or likely to be placed in foster homes or institutions, and to secure for such children the benefits and security of permanent homes in which such children can receive continuous parental care, guidance, protection and love, and to reduce the number of such children who must be placed or remain in foster homes or institutions until they become adults. It is further declared to be the policy of this state to secure the right of such children to a stable and permanent family life by insuring that no child need be deprived of such care by a family otherwise qualified to adopt. It is further declared to be the policy of this state to reduce the total cost to the state of foster home and institutional care by means of the program of adoption support authorized in this act.

**History:** L. 1972, ch. 162, § 1; July 1.