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§10:121A-1.4 Legal authority

(a) This chapter is promulgated pursuant to the State Adoption Law (N.J.S.A. 9:3-37 et seq.), N.J.S.A. 30:1A-1 et seq. and 30:4C-4(b).

(b) Under the State Adoption Law, all private and public adoption agencies, both within New Jersey and outside the State that are involved in the placement of children for adoption in New Jersey, must be certified by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families in order to open and operate.

(c) In order to be eligible for a certificate of approval, an adoption agency shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Children and Families compliance with the requirements of the State Adoption Law and with the rules contained in this chapter, which constitute minimum requirements only.

(d) These rules shall not be applicable to the adoption of adults.