



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Department of Human Resources shall allocate not less than  
3 \$500,000 from the Department's fiscal year 2006 budget appropriations to develop,  
4 implement, and monitor a program through which qualified licensed child placement  
5 agencies may enter into contracts with the State to provide adoption placement  
6 services for Maryland children in public foster care who have no identified  
7 permanency resource.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect July 1, 2005.