WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §49-13-2

§49-13-2. Definitions.

For purposes of this article:

"Adequate wardrobe" means clothes that are in good condition, appropriate for all seasons, and fit a child for the entirety of his or her time in placement;

"Approved necessities" means necessities that have been approved by the department for purchase pursuant to this article;

“Bureau” means the Bureau of Social Services;

"Department" means the Department of Human Services;

"Initial clothing allowance" means funding, from the bureau to the placement provider, to cover expenses for an adequate wardrobe and approved necessities at the time of initial placement, if needed;

"Inventory" means a listing of a child’s wardrobe and necessities when the child enters a placement and includes any updates to the listing during a placement period;

“Necessities" means items, other than clothes, necessary to care for a child;

"Placement” means any placement of a child who is in the legal custody of the department in any foster home, kinship parent home, or residential care provider home; and

“Placement provider" means a foster parent, kinship parent, or residential care provider with whom the department has placed a child who has been removed from his or her home and is in the legal custody of the department.

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