

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-69-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REPORTING CHILDREN POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

REFERENCE:

This is to inform you that Section 56156 of the Education Code was added July 28, 1980 by the passage of Senate Bill No. 1870 (Chapter 797, Statutes of 1980). Section 56156 requires reporting by placement agencies regarding children in licensed facilities, including foster homes, who are potentially eligible for special education. The full text of the section is as follows:

56156. (a) Each person, court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency which engages in referring children to, or placing children in, licensed children's institutions shall report to the county office of the county in which the licensed children's institution is located any referral or admission of a child who is potentially eligible for special education.

(b) Each person licensed by the state to operate a licensed children's institution, or his or her designee, shall notify the county office of the county in which the licensed children's institution is located of any child potentially eligible for special education who resides at the facility.

Please note that the term "county office" means the office of the county superintendent of schools, according to Education Code Section 56022.

Inquiries regarding this reporting requirement should be directed to Dr. Clyde Chantry, Field Consultant, at (916) 445-9423 or Mr. Paul Hinkle, Legislative Coordinator, at (916) 323-4761. Both Dr. Chantry and Mr. Hinkle are with the Office of Special Education, State Department of Education.

Sincerely,



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