

SB0360/848870/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 360  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Age”; in line 5, after “age;” insert “requiring a local department of social services to document certain efforts and steps at certain permanency planning hearings, certain permanency plan review hearings, and certain guardianship review hearings, under certain circumstances;”; and in line 9, after “3-823(e)” insert “and (h)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

**“(3) AT A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING FOR A CHILD WHOSE RECOMMENDED PERMANENCY PLAN IS ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I)5 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL DOCUMENT:**

**(I) THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO PLACE THE CHILD PERMANENTLY WITH A PARENT OR RELATIVE OR IN A GUARDIANSHIP OR AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT; AND**

**(II) THE STEPS THAT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IS TAKING TO ENSURE THAT:**

**1. THE CHILD’S RESOURCE PROVIDER IS FOLLOWING THE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD; AND**

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**2. THE CHILD HAS REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.**

(h) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, the court shall conduct a hearing to review the permanency plan at least every 6 months until commitment is rescinded or a voluntary placement is terminated.

(ii) The court shall conduct a review hearing every 12 months after the court determines that the child shall be continued in out-of-home placement with a specific caregiver who agrees to care for the child on a permanent basis.

(iii) 1. Unless the court finds good cause, a case shall be terminated after the court grants custody and guardianship of the child to a relative or other individual.

2. If the court finds good cause not to terminate a case, the court shall conduct a review hearing every 12 months until the case is terminated.

3. The court may not conclude a review hearing under subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph unless the court has seen the child in person.

(2) At the review hearing, the court shall:

(i) Determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the commitment;

(ii) Determine and document in its order whether reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan that is in effect;

(iii) Determine the extent of progress that has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating commitment;

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(iv) Project a reasonable date by which a child in placement may be returned home, placed in a preadoptive home, or placed under a legal guardianship;

(v) Evaluate the safety of the child and take necessary measures to protect the child; and

(vi) Change the permanency plan if a change in the permanency plan would be in the child's best interest.

**(3) AT EACH REVIEW HEARING FOR A CHILD WHOSE PERMANENCY PLAN IS ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (E)(1)(I)5 OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL DOCUMENT:**

**(I) THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO PLACE THE CHILD PERMANENTLY WITH A PARENT OR RELATIVE OR IN A GUARDIANSHIP OR AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT; AND**

**(II) THE STEPS THAT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IS TAKING TO ENSURE THAT:**

**1. THE CHILD'S RESOURCE PROVIDER IS FOLLOWING THE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD; AND**

**2. THE CHILD HAS REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.**

**[(3)] (4) Every reasonable effort shall be made to effectuate a permanent placement for the child within 24 months after the date of initial placement.**

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On page 4, after line 29, insert:

**“(9) AT EACH GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING FOR A CHILD WHOSE PERMANENCY PLAN IS ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (6)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL DOCUMENT:**

**(i) THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO PLACE THE CHILD PERMANENTLY WITH A PARENT OR RELATIVE OR IN A GUARDIANSHIP OR AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT; AND**

**(ii) THE STEPS THAT THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IS TAKING TO ENSURE THAT:**

**1. THE CHILD’S RESOURCE PROVIDER IS FOLLOWING THE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD; AND**

**2. THE CHILD HAS REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.”.**

On page 5, in lines 1 and 4, strike “(9)” and “(10)”, respectively, and substitute “(10)” and “(11)”, respectively.