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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Guardianship Proceedings - Notice to Natural Parents**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a petition for guardianship filed after a juvenile
4 proceeding at which the natural parent was present in which the child has been
5 adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance may be served on the natural parent
6 at any other address for the natural parent identified after reasonable good faith
7 efforts to locate the parent; and generally relating to notice to natural parents of
8 guardianship proceedings.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Family Law
11 Section 5-322(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Family Law**

17 5-322.

18 (b) If a petition for guardianship is filed after a juvenile proceeding in which the
19 child has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance, the petitioner shall give
20 notice to the child's natural parent by serving a show cause order by certified mail or
21 private process on the natural parent:

22 (1) if the natural parent was present at a CINA hearing and notified by the
23 court of the requirements of § 3-837 of the Courts Article:

24 (i) at the latest address listed in juvenile court records maintained in
25 accordance with § 3-837 of the Courts Article;

26 (ii) at the latest address listed in the records of the local department of
27 social services; [or]

28 (iii) at any other address listed in the records of the juvenile court or
29 local department of social services within 6 months before the filing of the guardianship
30 petition; or

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1 (IV) AT ANY OTHER ADDRESS FOR THE NATURAL PARENT
2 IDENTIFIED AFTER REASONABLE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE PARENT;
3 OR

4 (2) if the natural parent was not present at a CINA hearing and notified by
5 the court of the requirements of § 3-837 of the Courts Article:

6 (i) at the latest address, if any, listed in juvenile court records
7 maintained in accordance with § 3-837 of the Courts Article; or

8 (ii) at any other address for the natural parent identified after
9 reasonable good faith efforts to locate the parent.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1996.