

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 648

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “establishing” in line 5 down through “circumstances;” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the court to make a specific finding as to whether or not the return of a child to the custody of the natural parent poses an unacceptable risk to the future safety of the child under certain circumstances;”; and in line 8, strike “paramount” and substitute “primary”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, strike both sets of brackets; in the same line, strike “COMMITTED”; and in the same line, before the semicolon, insert “OR ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 21, strike “been”; in the same line, strike the bracket; and strike in their entirety lines 22 through 37, inclusive, and substitute:

“1. SUBJECTED THE CHILD TO:

A. TORTURE, CHRONIC ABUSE, OR SEXUAL ABUSE; OR

B. CHRONIC AND LIFE-THREATENING NEGLECT;

2. BEEN CONVICTED:

A. IN THIS STATE OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, § 643B OF THE CODE, AGAINST THE CHILD, THE OTHER NATURAL PARENT OF THE CHILD, ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT, OR ANY PERSON WHO RESIDES IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE NATURAL PARENT;

(Over)

B. IN ANY STATE OR IN ANY COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF A CRIME THAT WOULD BE A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, § 643B OF THE CODE, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE AGAINST THE CHILD, THE OTHER NATURAL PARENT OF THE CHILD, ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT, OR ANY PERSON WHO RESIDES IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE NATURAL PARENT; OR

C. OF AIDING OR ABETTING, CONSPIRING, OR SOLICITING TO COMMIT A CRIME DESCRIBED IN ITEM A OR B OF THIS ITEM; OR

3. INVOLUNTARILY LOST PARENTAL RIGHTS OF A SIBLING OF THE CHILD.

(C) (1) IF THE COURT FINDS THAT ANY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (B)(4)(III) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION EXISTS, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A SPECIFIC FINDING, BASED ON FACTS IN THE RECORD, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE RETURN OF THE CHILD TO THE CUSTODY OF THE NATURAL PARENT POSES AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK TO THE FUTURE SAFETY OF THE CHILD.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 4, strike “PARAMOUNT” and substitute “PRIMARY”; and in lines 4 and 5, strike “THE EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND PHYSICAL”.