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A BILL ENTITLED

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2 Foster Care and Kinship Care - Review by Foster Care Review Boards

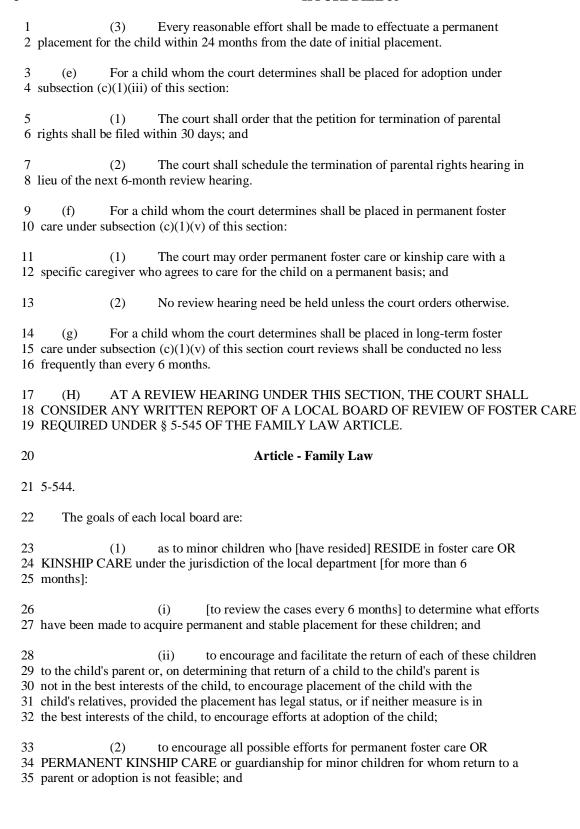
- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring a juvenile court to consider a written report of a local
- board of review of foster care at a hearing to review the implementation of a
- 5 permanency plan for a child in an out-of-home placement; requiring each local
- 6 board of review of foster care to review the cases of certain minor children in
- 7 foster care or kinship care at certain times; and generally relating to foster care
- 8 and kinship care.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 11 Section 3-826.1
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Family Law
- 16 Section 5-544 and 5-545
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

- 22 3-826.1.
- 23 (a) No later than 10 months after disposition made in the case of a child
- 24 alleged to be in need of assistance, the court shall hold a hearing to review the
- 25 implementation of a permanency plan for each child committed under § 3-820(c)(1)(ii)
- 26 of this subtitle.

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			ng at any	e written request of any party or on its own motion, the court earlier time to review the implementation of a committed pursuant to § 3-820 of this subtitle.			
4 5	and any issue	(2) The written request for review shall state the reason for the request nd any issues to be raised.					
6	(c)	At the review hearing for a child in placement, the court shall:					
7 8	should be:	(1)	Determi	ne the future status of the child, including whether the child			
9			(i)	Returned to the parent or guardian;			
10 11	granted;		(ii)	Placed with relatives to whom adoption or guardianship is			
12			(iii)	Placed for adoption;			
13			(iv)	Emancipated;			
14 15	in placemen	t on a per	(v) manent o	Because of the child's special needs or circumstances, continued or long-term basis; or			
16 17	in placemen	t for a sp	(vi) ecified pe	Because of the child's special needs or circumstances, continued eriod; or			
	needed to as living.	(2) sist the c		ild who has attained the age of 16, determine the services ake the transition from placement to independent			
21 22	(d) For a child whom the court determines shall be continued in placement under subsection (c)(1)(vi) of this section:						
23		(1)	The cour	rt shall:			
24 25	the commitm	nent;	(i)	Determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of			
26			(ii)	Determine the extent of compliance with the permanency plan;			
27 28	alleviating o	r mitigat	(iii) ing the ca	Determine the extent of progress which has been made toward uses necessitating commitment; and			
29 30	returned hor	ne or pla	(iv) ced for ac	Project a reasonable date by which a child in placement may be loption or legal guardianship; and			
31 32	every 6 mon	(2) ths until		rt shall conduct a review hearing no less frequently than nent is rescinded.			



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