

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 693

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Assistance -" insert "Custody and"; in line 3, after "grant" insert "custody and"; in lines 4, 5, and 7, in each instance, after "granting" insert "custody and"; in line 7, after "grants" insert "custody and"; in line 8, after "time;" insert "requiring the court to see a certain child in person before the court concludes a permanency plan review hearing; making clarifying changes;"; in line 12, after "regulations;" insert "requiring certain individuals to obtain a criminal history records check;"; in the same line, after "to" insert "custody and"; in line 15, strike "and 3-823(e) and (h)(1)"; and in line 25, after "Section" insert "3-823(e) and (h)(1) and".

On page 2, in line 1, after "(i)" insert "and 5-561(c)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 2, after "GRANT" insert "CUSTODY AND"; in lines 4, 10, 14, and 24, in each instance, after "GRANTING" insert "CUSTODY AND"; in line 20, after "(3)" insert "(I)"; and after line 23, insert:

"(II) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A:

1. HOME STUDY;
2. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES HISTORY;
3. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK; AND
4. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED GUARDIAN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY.

(Over)

(III) IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT HAS NOT PRODUCED THE REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE COURT ORDERED THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE THE REPORT, THE COURT SHALL ORDER PRODUCTION OF THE REPORT BY A LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY AND BEAR THE COST.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 2, after “guardianship” insert “UNDER § 3-819.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE”; in line 4, after “nonrelative” insert “UNDER § 3-819.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE”; and after line 24, insert:

“3. THE COURT MAY NOT CONCLUDE A REVIEW HEARING UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH UNLESS THE COURT HAS SEEN THE CHILD IN PERSON.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, after line 5, insert:

“(IV) PLACING THE CHILD IN ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT;”;

and in lines 6 and 8, strike “(iv)” and “(v)”, respectively, and substitute “(V)” and “(VI)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, after line 35, insert:

“5-561.

(c) The following individuals shall obtain a criminal history records check under this Part VI of this subtitle:

(1) an individual who is seeking to adopt a child through a local department of social services or licensed child placement agency;

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SEEKING TO BECOME A GUARDIAN THROUGH A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE JUVENILE COURT APPOINTS AS A GUARDIAN OF A CHILD;

[(2)] (4) an adult relative with whom a child, committed to a local department of social services, is placed by the local department of social services;

[(3)] (5) any adult known by a local department of social services to be residing in a:

(i) family day care home required to be registered under Title 5 of this article;

(ii) home of an adult relative of a child with whom the child, committed to a local department of social services, is placed by the local department of social services;

(iii) foster care home or child care home required to be approved under Title 5 of this article; or

(iv) home of an individual seeking to adopt a child through a local department of social services or a licensed child placement agency; and

[(4)] (6) if requested by a local department of social services:

(i) a parent or guardian of a child who is committed to the local department and is or has been placed in an out-of-home placement within the past year; and

(ii) any adult known by the local department to be residing in the home of the parent or guardian.”.