

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 579  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike “make a certain finding and” and substitute “hold a certain finding in abeyance,”; and in line 8, after “actions” insert “, and hold a certain hearing”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with “**FIND**” in line 15 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 18 and substitute “**HOLD IN ABEYANCE A FINDING ON WHETHER A CHILD WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR A MENTAL ILLNESS IS A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND:**”

**1. ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS OR REASSESS THE FAMILY AND CHILD’S ELIGIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER § 5-525(A)(1)(I) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;**

**2. ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK TO THE COURT IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS UNLESS THE COURT EXTENDS THE TIME PERIOD FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN;**

**3. IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FIND THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT, HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FAMILY AND CHILD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT; AND**

(Over)

**4. AFTER THE HEARING:**

**A. FIND THAT THE CHILD IS NOT IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO OFFER TO PLACE THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER § 5-525(A)(1)(I) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;**

**B. FIND THAT THE CHILD IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE; OR**

**C. DISMISS THE CASE”.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 5, strike beginning with “WHO” in line 2 down through “ALLEGATIONS” in line 3.