

SUBSEQUENT REVIEW HEARING, GRANTS GUARDIANSHIP OF THE CHILD TO A RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON, OR DETERMINES THAT THE CHILD SHALL BE CONTINUED IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE OR KINSHIP CARE WITH A SPECIFIC CAREGIVER WHO AGREES TO CARE FOR THE CHILD ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

(2) AT THE REVIEW HEARING, THE COURT SHALL:

(I) DETERMINE THE CONTINUING NECESSITY FOR AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THE COMMITMENT;

(II) DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERMANENCY PLAN;

(III) DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD ALLEVIATING OR MITIGATING THE CAUSES NECESSITATING COMMITMENT;

(IV) PROJECT A REASONABLE DATE BY WHICH A CHILD IN PLACEMENT MAY BE RETURNED HOME OR PLACED FOR ADOPTION OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP; ~~AND~~.

(V) CHANGE THE PERMANENCY PLAN IF A CHANGE IN THE PERMANENCY PLAN WOULD BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST; AND

(VI) EVALUATE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE CHILD.

(3) EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO EFFECTUATE A PERMANENT PLACEMENT FOR THE CHILD WITHIN 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF INITIAL PLACEMENT.

(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PREADOPTIVE PARENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL APPROVED AS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT BY A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 5-301 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, TO ADOPT A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME FOR ADOPTION BEFORE THE GRANTING OF A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION.

(2) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE AT LEAST 7 DAYS NOTICE ~~OF~~, IF PRACTICABLE, BEFORE ANY HEARING CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE CHILD'S FOSTER PARENT OR A PREADOPTIVE PARENT OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD.

(3) THE FOSTER PARENT OR A PREADOPTIVE PARENT OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE HEARING.

(4) A FOSTER PARENT OR A PREADOPTIVE PARENT OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A PARTY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE RIGHT TO NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That with respect to children in out-of-home placements on July 1, 1998, the State shall comply with § 5-525.1(b) and (c) of the Family Law Article, as enacted by this Act for: