

“Include” § 1-101
“Parent” § 5-3A-01

5-3B-15.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ADOPTION BY A SPOUSE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S PARENT OR A RELATIVE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE.

(B) ISSUANCE OF ORDER.

A COURT SHALL ISSUE A SHOW CAUSE ORDER THAT INCLUDES ADVICE AS TO THE PARENT'S RIGHTS TO:

- (1) HAVE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL; AND
- (2) RECEIVE ADOPTION COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsections (a) through (d) of this section are renumbered as subsections (c) through (f), to allow addition of new subsections (a) and (b). As to corresponding provisions in consent documents, see revised § 5-3B-21(a)(5).

Defined terms: “Include” § 1-101
“Parent” § 5-3B-01
“Prospective adoptee” § 5-3B-01

5-3B-16.

(A) Before ruling on [an] A CONSENSUAL adoption petition UNDER § 5-3B-20(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, a court may order any investigation that the court considers necessary.

(B) BEFORE RULING ON A NONCONSENSUAL ADOPTION PETITION UNDER §§ 5-3B-20(2) AND 5-3B-22 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A COURT SHALL ORDER AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO INVESTIGATE AND SUBMIT A REPORT THAT INCLUDES SUMMARIES OF:

(1) THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S EMOTIONAL TIES WITH AND FEELINGS TOWARD THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S PARENTS, THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S SIBLINGS, AND OTHERS WHO MAY AFFECT THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S BEST INTERESTS SIGNIFICANTLY; AND

- (2) THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S ADJUSTMENT TO:
 - (I) COMMUNITY;
 - (II) HOME; AND
 - (III) SCHOOL.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is amended to renumber the provisions as subsection (a), to amend the provisions to limit their application to