

In subsection (b)(2) and (4) of this section, the former word "natural" is omitted, to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological – i.e., adoptive – parent can be terminated in the same manner as a biological parent's can. Similarly, in subsection (b)(6) of this section, the word "former" is substituted for "natural", to encompass all individuals who have at any time previously been a "parent".

In subsection (b)(5) of this section, the word "prospective" is added to modify "adoptive parents", to reflect that information is provided before completion of an adoption.

Defined terms: "Adoptive parent" § 5-101

"Child" § 5-301

"Parent" § 5-301

5-304. RELATIONSHIP WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5.

THIS SUBTITLE IS RELATED TO AND SHOULD BE READ IN RELATION TO SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section formerly was FL § 5-304.

No change is made.

5-305. FOREIGN ORDERS.

(A) "ORDER" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "ORDER" INCLUDES ANY ACTION THAT, UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION, HAS THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF A COMPARABLE JUDICIAL ORDER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THIS STATE SHALL ACCORD FULL FAITH AND CREDIT TO:

(1) AN ORDER OF ANOTHER STATE AS TO ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER STATE'S LAWS; AND

(2) TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER STATE'S LAWS.

(C) OTHER FOREIGN ORDERS.

AS TO A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN A STATE:

(1) AN ORDER FOR ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP ENTERED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JURISDICTION'S LAWS SHALL HAVE THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS AN ORDER FOR ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP ENTERED IN THIS STATE; AND