

need of assistance, to direct the local department of social services to provide certain services to a child, child's family, or child's caretaker to a certain extent and for the purpose of protecting and advancing a child's best interests; requiring a juvenile court in a certain hearing concerning a child in need of assistance to make certain findings whether reasonable efforts were made by a local department of social services to prevent placement of the child in the local department's custody; requiring the court in certain review hearings to make certain findings whether reasonable efforts were made by a local department to finalize a permanency plan and provide for certain needs of the child; authorizing a court to require a local department to produce certain evidence in a certain hearing; requiring the court to consider certain actions of a local department in making certain findings; requiring a court to consider certain factors in making a certain finding; requiring a court to make written findings if the court determines reasonable efforts were made but that a local department did not take certain actions; requiring a court that finds reasonable efforts were not made to send the written findings to certain persons; defining a certain term; and generally relating to children in need of assistance hearings.

BY renumbering

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–801(v) through (aa), respectively

to be Section 3–801(w) through (bb), respectively

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(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–801(a), 3–815(a) and (e), 3–817(a), 3–819(a)(1), (b), (c), and (d), and 3–823(b)(1), (e), (g), and (h)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–802 and 3–815(b) and (d)

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BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–801(v) and 3–816.1

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law