

~~requiring a court to take certain action after holding a hearing required under this Act, and generally relating to a requirement that a child placement agency file a certain report and a certain petition relating to adoption and the termination of the natural parent's rights and generally relating to petitions for termination of parental rights.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-301(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-~~312-i~~ 5-525.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-301.

(b) "Child placement agency" means:

- (1) a local department of social services; or
- (2) a private agency that:

(i) engages in the placement of children in homes or with individuals; and

(ii) is licensed by the Social Services Administration under § 5-507 of this title.

5-~~312-i~~ 5-525.1.

~~(A) IF A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY TO WHICH A CHILD IS COMMITTED UNDER § 5-525 DETERMINES THAT ADOPTION OF THE CHILD IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF THE NATURAL PARENT'S RIGHTS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DETERMINATION REFER THE CASE TO THE AGENCY ATTORNEY WITHIN 90- 60 DAYS OF THE DETERMINATION AND THE AGENCY ATTORNEY SHALL FILE A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF THE NATURAL PARENT'S RIGHTS WITH THE COURT WITHIN 90- 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE REFERRAL.~~