

[(3) if both natural parents have waived notice in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, may hold a hearing on the court's own motion; and

(4)] (2) shall then take whatever action the court considers appropriate in the child's best interest.

(G) (1) FURTHER GUARDIAN'S REPORTS, NOTICES TO THE NATURAL PARENTS, AND HEARINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED IF THE COURT DETERMINES AFTER A HEARING THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD TO REMAIN IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE WITH A SPECIFIED FAMILY WHICH AGREES TO THE LONG-TERM PLACEMENT.

(2) IF THE LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT IS SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED, THE CHILD IS ENTITLED TO ANNUAL HEARINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

(H) THE COURT MAY REQUIRE THE GUARDIAN TO FILE PERIODIC WRITTEN PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE CHILD'S STATUS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER SUPERVISION, TREATMENT, OR REHABILITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

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CHAPTER 607

(Senate Bill 206)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental  
Hygiene - Reimbursement and Collections

FOR the purpose of altering certain reimbursement and collection practices of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene relating to the cost of care provided by certain State facilities; authorizing the Department after receiving certain authorization to obtain and use certain information for billing and collection functions under certain conditions; providing that the total cost of care in certain State facilities shall be the responsibility of the recipient of services or certain chargeable persons; providing that the State shall assume responsibility for any uncollectible costs for services provided in certain State facilities; providing that liability for State health-related services may not be imposed on certain