

(2) placing the child with relatives TO WHOM ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP, OR CARE AND CUSTODY, IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY, ARE PLANNED TO BE GRANTED;

(3) adoption IN THE FOLLOWING DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY:

(I) BY A CURRENT FOSTER PARENT WITH WHOM THE CHILD HAS RESIDED CONTINUALLY FOR AT LEAST THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO DEVELOPING THE PERMANENT PLAN OR FOR A SUFFICIENT LENGTH OF TIME TO HAVE ESTABLISHED POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILY TIES; OR

(II) BY ANOTHER APPROVED ADOPTIVE FAMILY;

(4) an independent living arrangement; or

(5) in exceptional situations as defined by rule or regulation, long term foster care.

(D) FOSTER PARENTS WHO WISH TO CONTEST THE AGENCY'S DECISION TO PLACE THE CHILD WITH ANOTHER ADOPTIVE FAMILY HAVE THE RIGHT TO A TIMELY HEARING.

[(d)] (E) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations that, for the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 1983, and for each subsequent 12-month period, establish specific goals as to the maximum number of children who will remain in foster care for more than 2 years.

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

Approved June 2, 1987.

CHAPTER 626

(Senate Bill 598)

AN ACT concerning

Death Penalty - Minors

FOR the purpose of requiring providing that if a person found guilty of murder in the first degree was less than a certain age at the time the murder was committed, the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life and may not be sentenced to death; and providing for the application of this Act.