

(3) Every reasonable effort shall be made to effectuate a permanent placement for the child within 24 months after the date of initial placement.

(i) (1) In this subsection, "preadoptive parent" means an individual whom a child placement agency, as defined in § 5-301 of the Family Law Article, approves to adopt a child who has been placed in the individual's home for adoption before the final decree of adoption.

(2) If practicable, the local department shall give at least 7 days' notice before any hearing conducted under this section to the child's foster parent, preadoptive parent, or relative providing care for the child.

(3) The foster parent, preadoptive parent, relative, or an attorney for the foster parent, preadoptive parent, or relative shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

(4) The foster parent, preadoptive parent, relative, or attorney may not be considered to be a party solely on the basis of the right to notice and opportunity to be heard provided under this subsection.

(j) At a review hearing under this section, the court shall consider any written report of a local out-of-home placement review board required under § 5-545 of the Family Law Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 8, 2003.

CHAPTER 50

(House Bill 829)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County and City of Cumberland - Property Tax Credit - New Construction

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or of the City of Cumberland to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation tax imposed on new construction; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or of the City of Cumberland to grant a property tax credit for certain new construction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Tax - Property
Section 9-302(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)