

(2) The father or other relative of the child that receives custody under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall maintain and care for the child at the father's or other relative's expense until the inmate is released from the correctional facility or the child, as provided by law, is adopted.

(3) If the father or other relative of the child is unable to properly maintain and care for the child, the [Division of Correction] DEPARTMENT shall place the child in the care of the Department of Human Resources.

(F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW AN INMATE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMMING AND TO RETAIN CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN CHILD IN OR OUT OF CUSTODY IF:

(1) THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD AND CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

(2) THE CUSTODY IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT DETAINED OR CONFINED IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.

CHAPTER 92

(House Bill 1216)

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned Land – Certificates of Reservation for Public Use

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "abandoned land" to include land within or contiguous to land owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources for purposes of obtaining certificates of reservation of land for public use; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to certificates of reservation of land for public use.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,