

5-547.

This Part IV of this subtitle [may]:

(1) MAY not be construed to restrict or alter the authority of any public or private agency or institution that deals with [foster care] OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, adoption, or related matters; AND

(2) IS RELATED TO AND SHOULD BE READ IN RELATION TO §§ 5-524, 5-525, 5-525.1, AND 5-534 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-812.1.

(A) IN A PETITION ALLEGING THAT A CHILD IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY REQUEST THE COURT TO FIND THAT REASONABLE EFFORTS TO REUNIFY THE CHILD WITH THE CHILD'S NATURAL PARENT OR GUARDIAN ARE NOT REQUIRED IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A NATURAL PARENT HAS:

~~(1) SUBJECTED THE CHILD TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT THAT IS SIGNIFICANT, LIFE THREATENING, OR CHRONIC ANY OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN § 5-313(D)(1)(I), (II), OR (III) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE THAT ARE CHRONIC OR LIFE THREATENING TO THE CHILD;~~

~~(2) COMMITTED BEEN CONVICTED OF MURDER OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT;~~

~~(3) COMMITTED BEEN CONVICTED OF VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT;~~

~~(4) AIDED OR ABETTED, ATTEMPTED, CONSPIRED, OR SOLICITED BEEN CONVICTED OF AIDING OR ABETTING, ATTEMPTING, CONSPIRING, OR SOLICITING TO COMMIT MURDER OR VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT;~~

~~(5) COMMITTED BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY ASSAULT THAT RESULTS IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO THE CHILD OR ANOTHER CHILD OF THE NATURAL PARENT; OR~~

~~(6) INVOLUNTARILY LOST PARENTAL RIGHTS OF A SIBLING OF THE CHILD.~~

(1) SUBJECTED THE CHILD TO:

(I) TORTURE, CHRONIC ABUSE, OR SEXUAL ABUSE; OR

(II) CHRONIC AND LIFE-THREATENING NEGLECT;

(2) BEEN CONVICTED:

(I) IN THIS STATE OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, § 643B OF THE CODE, AGAINST THE CHILD, THE OTHER NATURAL