

## House Bill No. 35

AN ACT concerning

**Foster Care and Kinship Care - Review by Foster Care Review Boards**  
**Foster Care Review Boards - Permanency Plan Review Hearings - Written**  
**Reports**

FOR the purpose of requiring a juvenile court to consider a written report of a local board of review of foster care at a hearing to review the implementation of a permanency plan for a child in an out-of-home placement; ~~requiring each local board of review of foster care to review the cases of certain minor children in foster care or kinship care at certain times;~~ and generally relating to foster care ~~and kinship care~~ review boards and permanency plan review hearings for children in out-of-home placements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-826.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with without amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section ~~5-544~~ and 5-545

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3-826.1.

(a) No later than 10 months after disposition made in the case of a child alleged to be in need of assistance, the court shall hold a hearing to review the implementation of a permanency plan for each child committed under § 3-820(c)(1)(ii) of this subtitle.

(b) (1) Upon the written request of any party or on its own motion, the court may schedule a hearing at any earlier time to review the implementation of a permanency plan for any child committed pursuant to § 3-820 of this subtitle.

(2) The written request for review shall state the reason for the request and any issues to be raised.

(c) At the review hearing for a child in placement, the court shall: