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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Permits the intervention of a family member or other interested party in a proceeding triggered by the removal of a child from his home including a child in need of care adjudication.

Present law allows a suitable family member or other interested party to obtain an ex parte court order to participate in a continued custody hearing.

Proposed law retains present law and permits a suitable family member or other suitable individual to intervene in a continued custody hearing.

Proposed law allows an interested person, agency, or organization to intervene in a child in need of care adjudication in a continued custody hearing.

Present law grants authority to the La. Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to place a child adjudicated in need of care after conducting a review of the available placements. The court may, upon motion, disapprove the placement.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a party in a child in need of care proceeding may motion the court to consider disapproving a DCFS placement.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 622(A) and 672(A)(2); Adds Ch.C. Art. 650)