
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to truant children and family in need of services proceedings.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 743) provides that the mandatory conference may be held at any time before or after a petition is filed but shall be held before any appearance to answer is made.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the conference may be held before any appearance to answer is made.

Proposed law (Ch.C. Art. 743(C)) provides that if the preadjudication conference provided by Article 744 is held prior to appearance, the court shall recognize the conference as satisfied in order to move to appearance to answer.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 744) provides that after any preadjudication conference, any provider may effect an informal family services plan agreement.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the provider may effect an informal family services plan agreement at any time prior to or after any preadjudication conference.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 743(B) and 744(A); Adds Ch.C. Art. 743(C))