
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 143 by Senator McMath

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "702" delete "(C)(2) and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 8, after "702" delete "(C)(2) and" and change "are" to "is"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 36 On page 2, line 8, after "**databases**" insert "**and other resources**"7 AMENDMENT NO. 48 On page 2, line 9, after "**searches of**" insert "**schools,**"9 AMENDMENT NO. 510 On page 2, line 15, delete "**Children's Code**"11 AMENDMENT NO. 612 On page 2, line 20, after "**Article**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 21
13 through 23 and insert "**ten days before any scheduled disposition, case review,**
14 **permanency hearing, or as otherwise required by the court. Any additional information**
15 **obtained by the department subsequent to the initial filing shall be disclosed to the**
16 **court during the hearing.**"17 AMENDMENT NO. 718 On page 2, line 24, delete "**alleged dependent**"19 AMENDMENT NO. 820 On page 2, line 28, delete "**an alleged dependent**" and insert "**the**"21 AMENDMENT NO. 922 On page 3, line 2, delete "**alleged dependent**"23 AMENDMENT NO. 1024 On page 3, line 13, delete "**alleged dependent**" and after "**are**" delete the remainder of the
25 line and delete lines 14 and 15 and insert "**located, the court excuses the department from**
26 **conducting a diligent search, or permanency is achieved.**"27 AMENDMENT NO. 1128 On page 3, at the end of line 16 delete "**three**" and on the beginning of line 17 delete
29 "**months**" and insert "**ninety days**"30 AMENDMENT NO. 12

31 On page 3, delete lines 24 through 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 7

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 4, delete lines 13 through 23 and insert the following:

3 "(2)(a) In the case of a child under the age of six, the court may find that
4 continuation of the child's placement with the current caregiver is in the child's
5 best interest if the child is in a stable home environment where the child's
6 physical and emotional needs are met by a person who has a significant
7 relationship with the child, that no relative or other suitable caregiver has been
8 identified as a concurrent plan caregiver as part of the child's case plan or
9 report submitted to the court, and that it would be detrimental to the child's
10 well-being if the child is removed from the current caregiver. Upon such
11 finding, the department shall not make any change in placement absent prior
12 written notice to the court. Prior notice for a placement change is not required
13 when necessary to ensure the safety of the child, when the current caregiver
14 requests that the child be removed, or when a child is moving to the home of a
15 parent for the purpose of a trial placement.

16 (b) In the event of removal from a placement with a current caregiver
17 pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, upon motion of the court,
18 motion of the current caregiver, or motion of the child, which is filed within
19 fifteen days of the change in placement, a contradictory hearing shall be held
20 to determine whether removal was in the best interest of the child.

21 (c) For the purposes of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, a foster
22 parent, relative, or other suitable individual with whom a child under the age
23 of six has resided continuously for six months or more is a person who has a
24 significant relationship with the child. Nothing in this Subparagraph shall be
25 construed to interfere with any rights afforded to biological parents."