

- 1 Art. 650. Intervention
- 2 A. For good cause shown, the court may allow any family member or
- 3 interested person to intervene to facilitate the placement of the child and to ensure
- 4 that the best interests of the child are protected.
- 5 B. The court may limit the nature and extent of intervenor's participation in
- 6 the adjudication hearing.
- 7 C. For the purposes of this Section, "interested person" means any person
- 8 with whom the child enjoys a close, established, significant relationship, yet not a
- 9 blood relative, including a neighbor, godparent, teacher, or close friend of the parent.
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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 a family member or interested person to intervene in a child in need of care adjudication in a continued custody hearing.

Proposed law defines "interested person".

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Remove the proposed law authority of a party in a child in need of care proceeding to move that the court disapprove a DCFS placement.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove that an organization may intervene to facilitate the placement of the child and add that a family member or interested person may intervene.
2. Define "interested person".