



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 343

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Permanency Plan Reviews And Hearings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 46b-129 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 (k) (1) Ten months after the adjudication of neglect of the child or
5 youth or twelve months after the vesting of temporary care and
6 custody pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, whichever is earlier,
7 the commissioner shall file a motion for review of a permanency plan
8 and to extend or revoke the commitment. Ten months after a
9 permanency plan has been approved by the court pursuant to this
10 subsection, unless the court has approved placement in long-term
11 foster care with an identified person, [or an independent living
12 program, or the commissioner has filed a petition for termination of
13 parental rights or motion to transfer guardianship,] the commissioner
14 shall file a motion for review of the permanency plan and to extend or
15 revoke the commitment. A hearing on any such motion shall be held
16 within sixty days of the filing. The court shall provide notice to the
17 child or youth, and [his] the parent or guardian of such child or youth
18 of the time and place of the court hearing on any such motion not less
19 than fourteen days prior to such hearing.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (o) of section 46b-129 of the general statutes is

21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

22 [(o) A foster parent shall have standing for the purposes of this
23 section in Superior Court in matters concerning the placement or
24 revocation of commitment of a foster child living with such parent. A
25 foster parent shall receive notice of any motion to revoke commitment
26 or any hearing on such motion. A foster parent who has cared for a
27 child or youth for not less than six months shall have standing to
28 comment on the best interests of such child or youth in any matter
29 under this section which is brought not more than one year after the
30 last day the foster parent provided such care.]

31 (o) Any foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or certified
32 relative caregiver caring for a child or youth shall, at the time of a
33 hearing on a motion for review of the permanency plan concerning the
34 child or youth, have an opportunity to comment on the best interests
35 of the child or youth. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall
36 provide notice to such foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or
37 certified relative caregiver of the time and place of such hearing not
38 less than fourteen days prior to such hearing.

HS Committee Vote: Yea 19 Nay 0 JFS C/R JUD