



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5597***

LCO No. 1998

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
BASED ON CONSENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 45a-187 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) An appeal under section 45a-186 by [those] persons of the age of  
5 majority and who are present or who have legal notice to be present, or  
6 who have been given notice of their right to request a hearing or have  
7 filed a written waiver of their right to a hearing, shall be taken within  
8 thirty days, except as otherwise provided in this section. If such  
9 persons have no notice to be present and are not present, or have not  
10 been given notice of their right to request a hearing, [then] such appeal  
11 shall be taken within twelve months, except for appeals by such  
12 persons from [a decree] an order of termination of parental rights,  
13 other than an order of termination of parental rights based on consent,  
14 or a decree of adoption, in which case appeal shall be taken within  
15 ninety days. An appeal from an order of termination of parental rights  
16 based on consent, which order is issued on or after the effective date of

17 this section, shall be taken within twenty days.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 45a-716 of the general statutes is  
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
20 *October 1, 2004*):

21 (a) Upon receipt of a petition for termination of parental rights, the  
22 Court of Probate or the Superior Court, on a case transferred to it from  
23 the Court of Probate in accordance with the provisions of subsection  
24 (g) of section 45a-715, shall set a time and place for hearing the  
25 petition. The time for hearing shall be not more than thirty days after  
26 the filing of the petition, except, in the case of a petition for termination  
27 of parental rights based on consent that is filed on or after the effective  
28 date of this section, the time for hearing shall be not more than ten  
29 days after the filing of such petition.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require a hearing on a petition for termination of parental rights based on consent of the parent to be held not more than ten days after the filing of such petition and to require an appeal of an order of termination of parental rights based on consent of the parent to be taken within twenty days after the issuance of such order.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*