



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1090**

LCO No. 3816

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF FOSTER PARENTS,  
PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS  
TO BE HEARD IN CERTAIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (o) of section 46b-129 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (o) A foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver  
4 shall receive notice and have the right to be heard for the purposes of  
5 this section in Superior Court [on a motion for review of a permanency  
6 plan and in matters concerning the placement or revocation of  
7 commitment of] in any proceeding concerning a foster child living  
8 with such parent. [A foster parent shall receive notice of any motion  
9 for review of a permanency plan or a motion to revoke commitment or  
10 any hearing on such motion.] A foster parent, prospective adoptive  
11 parent or relative caregiver who has cared for a child or youth [for not  
12 less than six months] shall have the right to be heard and comment on  
13 the best interests of such child or youth in any [matter] proceeding  
14 under this section which is brought not more than one year after the  
15 last day the foster parent, prospective parent or relative caregiver

16 provided such care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	46b-129(o)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow foster parents, prospective adoptive parents and relative caregivers with the opportunity to be heard in certain court proceedings concerning a child in their care.

*[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.]*