HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1124

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled

"An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to certain aspects of the family division of circuit court, to the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the family division of circuit court and its judges and other officers, to the change of name of adults and children, and to the adoption of adults and children; to prescribe certain jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the family division of circuit court and its judges and other officers; to prescribe the manner and time within which certain actions and proceedings may be brought in the family division of the circuit court; to prescribe pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in certain actions and proceedings in the family division of circuit court; to provide for appeals from certain actions in the family division of circuit court; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, agencies, and officers; and to provide remedies and penalties,"

by amending sections 2, 13a, 19, and 19b of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.2, 712A.13a, 712A.19, and 712A.19b), section 2 as amended by 1996 PA 409, sections 13a and 19 as amended by 1997 PA 163, and section 19b as amended by 1997 PA 169, and by adding section 6b to chapter XIIA.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 CHAPTER XIIA
- 2 Sec. 2. The court has the following authority and
- 3 jurisdiction:
- 4 (a) Exclusive original jurisdiction superior to and regard-
- 5 less of the jurisdiction of any other court in proceedings con-
- 6 cerning a juvenile under 17 years of age who is found within the
- 7 county if 1 or more of the following applies:
- 8 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this sub-subdivision,
- 9 the juvenile has violated any municipal ordinance or law of the
- 10 state or of the United States. IF THE COURT ENTERS INTO AN
- 11 AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 2E OF THIS CHAPTER, THE COURT HAS JURIS-
- 12 DICTION OVER A JUVENILE WHO COMMITTED A CIVIL INFRACTION AS PRO-
- 13 VIDED IN THAT SECTION. The court has jurisdiction over a juvenile
- 14 14 years of age or older who is charged with a specified juvenile
- 15 violation only if the prosecuting attorney files a petition in
- 16 the court instead of authorizing a complaint and warrant. As
- 17 used in this sub-subdivision, "specified juvenile violation"
- 18 means any of the following:
- 19 (A) A violation of section 72, 83, 86, 89, 91, 316, 317,
- **20** 349, 520b, 529, 529a, or 531 of the Michigan penal code, Act
- 21 No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 1931 PA 328,
- 22 MCL 750.72, 750.83, 750.86, 750.89, 750.91, 750.316, 750.317,
- 23 750.349, 750.520b, 750.529, 750.529a, and 750.531. of the
- 24 Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 25 (B) A violation of section 84 or 110a(2) of Act No. 328 of
- 26 the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.84 and 750.110a of

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- 1 the Michigan Compiled Laws THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328,
- 2 MCL 750.84 AND 750.110A, if the juvenile is armed with a danger-
- 3 ous weapon. As used in this paragraph, "dangerous weapon" means
- 4 1 or more of the following:
- 5 (i) A loaded or unloaded firearm, whether operable or
- 6 inoperable.
- 7 (ii) A knife, stabbing instrument, brass knuckles, black-
- 8 jack, club, or other object specifically designed or customarily
- 9 carried or possessed for use as a weapon.
- 10 (iii) An object that is likely to cause death or bodily
- 11 injury when used as a weapon and that is used as a weapon or car-
- 12 ried or possessed for use as a weapon.
- 13 (iv) An object or device that is used or fashioned in a
- 14 manner to lead a person to believe the object or device is an
- 15 object or device described in subparagraphs (i) to (iii).
- 16 (C) A violation of section 186a of Act No. 328 of the
- 17 Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.186a of the Michigan
- 18 Compiled Laws THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL
- 19 750.186A, regarding escape or attempted escape from a juvenile
- 20 facility, but only if the juvenile facility from which the indi-
- 21 vidual escaped or attempted to escape was 1 of the following:
- 22 (i) A high-security or medium-security facility operated by
- 23 the family independence agency OR A COUNTY JUVENILE AGENCY.
- 24 (ii) A high-security facility operated by a private agency
- 25 under contract with the family independence agency OR A COUNTY
- 26 JUVENILE AGENCY.

- 1 (D) A violation of section 7401(2)(a)(i) or 7403(2)(a)(i) of
- 2 the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978,
- 3 being sections 333.7401 and 333.7403 of the Michigan Compiled
- 4 Laws 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 AND 333.7403.
- 5 (E) An attempt to commit a violation described in paragraphs
- **6** (A) to (D).
- 7 (F) Conspiracy to commit a violation described in paragraphs
- 8 (A) to (D).
- **9** (G) Solicitation to commit a violation described in para-
- **10** graphs (A) to (D).
- 11 (H) Any lesser included offense of a violation described in
- 12 paragraphs (A) to (G) if the individual is charged with a viola-
- 13 tion described in paragraphs (A) to (G).
- 14 (I) Any other violation arising out of the same transaction
- 15 as a violation described in paragraphs (A) to (G) if the individ-
- 16 ual is charged with a violation described in paragraphs (A) to
- **17** (G).
- 18 (2) The juvenile has deserted his or her home without suffi-
- 19 cient cause and the court finds on the record that the juvenile
- 20 has been placed or refused alternative placement or the juvenile
- 21 and the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian have exhausted
- 22 or refused family counseling.
- 23 (3) The juvenile is repeatedly disobedient to the reasonable
- 24 and lawful commands of his or her parents, guardian, or custodian
- 25 and the court finds on the record by clear and convincing evi-
- 26 dence that court-accessed services are necessary.

- 1 (4) The juvenile willfully and repeatedly absents himself or
- 2 herself from school or other learning program intended to meet
- 3 the juvenile's educational needs, or repeatedly violates rules
- 4 and regulations of the school or other learning program, and the
- 5 court finds on the record that the juvenile, the juvenile's
- 6 parent, guardian, or custodian, and school officials or learning
- 7 program personnel have met on the juvenile's educational problems
- 8 ___ and educational counseling and alternative agency help have
- 9 been sought. As used in this sub-subdivision only, "learning
- 10 program" means an organized educational program that is appropri-
- 11 ate, given the age, intelligence, ability, and any psychological
- 12 limitations of a juvenile, in the subject areas of reading,
- 13 spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, writing, and
- 14 English grammar.
- 15 (b) Jurisdiction in proceedings concerning any juvenile
- 16 under 18 years of age found within the county:
- 17 (1) Whose parent or other person legally responsible for the
- 18 care and maintenance of the juvenile, when able to do so,
- 19 neglects or refuses to provide proper or necessary support, edu-
- 20 cation, medical, surgical, or other care necessary for his or her
- 21 health or morals, who is subject to a substantial risk of harm to
- 22 his or her mental well-being, who is abandoned by his or her par-
- 23 ents, guardian, or other custodian, or who is without proper cus-
- 24 tody or guardianship. As used in this sub-subdivision:
- 25 (A) "Education" means learning based on an organized educa-
- 26 tional program that is appropriate, given the age, intelligence,
- 27 ability, and any psychological limitations of a juvenile, in the

- 1 subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science,
- 2 history, civics, writing, and English grammar.
- 3 (B) "Without proper custody or guardianship" does not mean a
- 4 parent has placed the juvenile with another person who is legally
- 5 responsible for the care and maintenance of the juvenile and who
- 6 is able to and does provide the juvenile with proper care and
- 7 maintenance.
- 8 (2) Whose home or environment, by reason of neglect, cruel-
- 9 ty, drunkenness, criminality, or depravity on the part of a
- 10 parent, quardian, NONPARENT ADULT, or other custodian, is an
- 11 unfit place for the juvenile to live in.
- 12 (3) Whose parent has substantially failed, without good
- 13 cause, to comply with a limited guardianship placement plan
- 14 described in section 424a of the revised probate code, Act
- 15 No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.424a of the
- 16 Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.424A, regarding the
- 17 juvenile.
- 18 (4) Whose parent has substantially failed, without good
- 19 cause, to comply with a court-structured plan described in
- 20 section 424b or 424c of the revised probate code, Act No. 642 of
- 21 the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 700.424b and 700.424c of
- 22 the Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.424B AND
- 23 700.424C, regarding the juvenile.
- 24 (5) If the juvenile has a guardian under the revised probate
- 25 code, Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections
- 26 700.1 to 700.993 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 642, MCL

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- 1 700.1 TO 700.993, and the juvenile's parent meets both of the
- 2 following criteria:
- 3 (A) The parent, having the ability to support or assist in
- 4 supporting the juvenile, has failed or neglected, without good
- 5 cause, to provide regular and substantial support for the juve-
- 6 nile for a period of 2 years or more before the filing of the
- 7 petition or, if a support order has been entered, has failed to
- 8 substantially comply with the order for a period of 2 years or
- 9 more before the filing of the petition.
- 10 (B) The parent, having the ability to visit, contact, or
- 11 communicate with the juvenile, has regularly and substantially
- 12 failed or neglected, without good cause, to do so for a period
- 13 of 2 years or more before the filing of the petition.
- 14 If a petition is filed in the court alleging that a juvenile
- 15 is within the provisions of subdivision (b)(1), (2), (3), (4), or
- 16 (5) —, and the custody of that juvenile is subject to the prior
- 17 or continuing order of another court of record of this state, the
- 18 manner of notice to the other court of record and the authority
- 19 of the court to proceed is governed by rule of the supreme
- 20 court.
- 21 (c) Jurisdiction over juveniles under 18 years of age,
- 22 jurisdiction of whom has been waived to the family division of
- 23 circuit court by a circuit court pursuant to UNDER a provision
- 24 in a temporary order for custody of juveniles based upon a com-
- 25 plaint for divorce or upon a motion pursuant to a complaint for
- 26 divorce by the prosecuting attorney, in a divorce judgment
- 27 dissolving a marriage between the parents of the juveniles, or by

- 1 an amended judgment relative to the custody of the juvenile in a
 2 divorce.
- 3 (d) If the court finds on the record that voluntary services
- 4 have been exhausted or refused, concurrent jurisdiction in pro-
- 5 ceedings concerning any juvenile between the ages of 17 and 18
- 6 found within the county WHO IS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 7 (1) Who is repeatedly REPEATEDLY addicted to the use of
- 8 drugs or the intemperate use of alcoholic liquors.
- 9 (2) Who repeatedly associates REPEATEDLY ASSOCIATING with
- 10 criminal, dissolute, or disorderly persons.
- 11 (3) Who is found FOUND of his or her own free will and
- 12 knowledge in a house of prostitution, assignation, or ill-fame.
- 13 (4) Who repeatedly associates REPEATEDLY ASSOCIATING with
- 14 thieves, prostitutes, pimps, or procurers.
- 15 (5) Who is willfully WILLFULLY disobedient to the reason-
- 16 able and lawful commands of his or her parents, guardian, or
- 17 other custodian and is in danger of becoming morally depraved.
- 18 If any juvenile is brought before the family division of
- 19 circuit court in a county other than that in which the juvenile
- 20 resides, the court may, before a hearing and with the consent
- 21 of the judge of the family division of circuit court in the
- 22 county of residence, THE COURT MAY enter an order transferring
- 23 the jurisdiction of the matter to the court of the county of
- 24 residence. CONSENT TO TRANSFER JURISDICTION IS NOT REQUIRED IF
- 25 THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE IS A COUNTY JUVENILE AGENCY AND SATISFAC-
- 26 TORY PROOF OF RESIDENCE IS FURNISHED TO THE COURT OF THE COUNTY
- 27 OF RESIDENCE. The order is not a legal settlement as defined in

- 1 section 55 of the social welfare act, Act No. 280 of the Public
- 2 Acts of 1939, being section 400.55 of the Michigan Compiled Laws
- **3** 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.55. The order —, together with—AND a cer-
- 4 tified copy of the proceedings in the transferring court -,
- 5 shall be delivered to the court of the county or circuit of
- 6 residence. A case designated as a case in which the juvenile
- 7 shall be tried in the same manner as an adult under section 2d of
- 8 this chapter may be transferred for venue or for juvenile dispo-
- 9 sition, but shall not be transferred on grounds of residency. If
- 10 the case is not transferred, the case shall be tried by the the
- 11 family division of circuit court having jurisdiction of the
- 12 offense.
- 13 (e) Authority to establish or assist in developing a program
- 14 or programs within the county to prevent delinquency and provide
- 15 services to act upon reports submitted to the court related to
- 16 the behavior of juveniles who do not require formal court juris-
- 17 diction but otherwise fall within subdivision (a). These serv-
- 18 ices shall be used only if they are voluntarily accepted by the
- 19 juvenile and his or her parents, guardian, or custodian.
- 20 (f) If the court operates a detention home for juveniles
- 21 within the court's jurisdiction under subdivision (a)(1), author-
- 22 ity to place a juvenile within that home pending trial if the
- 23 juvenile is within the circuit court's jurisdiction under section
- 24 606 of the revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the
- 25 Public Acts of 1961, being section 600.606 of the Michigan
- 26 Compiled Laws, or within the recorder's court of the city of
- 27 Detroit's jurisdiction under section 10a(1)(c) of Act No. 369 of

- 1 the Public Acts of 1919, being section 725.10a of the Michigan
- 2 Compiled Laws 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.606, and if the circuit court
- 3 or the recorder's court of the city of Detroit orders the
- 4 family division of circuit court in the same county to place the
- 5 juvenile in that home. The family division of circuit court
- 6 shall comply with that order.
- 7 (g) Authority to place a juvenile in a county jail under
- 8 section 27a of chapter IV of the code of criminal procedure, Act
- 9 No. 175 of the Public Acts of 1927, being section 764.27a of the
- 10 Michigan Compiled Laws 1927 PA 175, MCL 764.27A, if the COURT
- 11 DESIGNATES THE case is designated by the court under section 2d
- 12 of this chapter as a case in which the juvenile is to be tried in
- 13 the same manner as an adult —, and the court —has determined
- 14 that DETERMINES there is probable cause to believe that the
- 15 offense was committed and that there is probable cause to
- 16 believe the juvenile committed that offense.
- 17 (H) JURISDICTION OVER A PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION 2950 OR
- 18 2950A OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961 PA 236,
- 19 MCL 600.2950 AND 600.2950A, IN WHICH A MINOR LESS THAN 18 YEARS
- 20 OF AGE IS THE RESPONDENT. VENUE FOR AN INITIAL ACTION UNDER SEC-
- 21 TION 2950 OR 2950A OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961
- 22 PA 236, MCL 600.2950 AND 600.2950A, IS PROPER IN THE COUNTY OF
- 23 RESIDENCE OF EITHER THE PETITIONER OR RESPONDENT. IF THE RESPON-
- 24 DENT DOES NOT LIVE IN THIS STATE, VENUE FOR THE INITIAL ACTION IS
- 25 PROPER IN THE PETITIONER'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE.
- 26 SEC. 6B. (1) THE COURT MAY ISSUE AN ORDER THAT AFFECTS A
- 27 NONPARENT ADULT AND THAT DOES 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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- 1 (A) REQUIRES THE NONPARENT ADULT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
- 2 DEVELOPMENT OF A CASE SERVICE PLAN.
- 3 (B) REQUIRES THE NONPARENT ADULT TO COMPLY WITH A CASE SERV-
- 4 ICE PLAN.
- 5 (C) PERMANENTLY REMOVES THE NONPARENT ADULT FROM THE HOME OF
- 6 THE CHILD AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 13A OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 7 (D) PERMANENTLY RESTRAINS THE NONPARENT ADULT FROM COMING
- 8 INTO CONTACT WITH OR WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE CHILD.
- 9 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), A NONPARENT ADULT
- 10 WHO VIOLATES AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
- 11 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR
- 12 OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.
- 13 (3) A NONPARENT ADULT WHO VIOLATES AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER
- 14 THIS SECTION AND WHO HAS 1 OR MORE PRIOR CONVICTIONS FOR VIOLAT-
- 15 ING AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUN-
- 16 ISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS OR A FINE OF
- 17 NOT MORE THAN \$2,000.00, OR BOTH.
- 18 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A NONPARENT ADULT FROM
- 19 BEING CHARGED WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR PUNISHED FOR ANY OTHER VIO-
- 20 LATION OF LAW THE NONPARENT ADULT COMMITS WHILE VIOLATING AN
- 21 ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 22 (5) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE COURT FROM EXERCISING
- 23 ITS CRIMINAL OR CIVIL CONTEMPT POWERS FOR A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER
- 24 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 25 (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT IN ANY MANNER AFFECT THE AUTHORITY
- 26 OR JURISDICTION OF THE COURT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6.

- 1 Sec. 13a. (1) As used in this section and sections 2, 6B,
- **2** 13b, 17C, 17D, 18f, 19, 19a, 19b, and 19c of this chapter:
- 3 (a) "Agency" means a public or private organization, insti-
- 4 tution, or facility responsible under court order or contractual
- 5 arrangement for the A JUVENILE'S care and supervision. of a
- 6 juvenile.
- 7 (B) "ATTORNEY" MEANS, IF APPOINTED TO REPRESENT A CHILD IN A
- 8 PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION 2(B) OR (C) OF THIS CHAPTER, AN ATTORNEY
- 9 SERVING AS THE CHILD'S LEGAL ADVOCATE IN A TRADITIONAL
- 10 ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILD, AS GOVERNED BY THE
- 11 MICHIGAN RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. AN ATTORNEY DEFINED
- 12 UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION OWES THE SAME DUTIES OF UNDIVIDED LOYALTY,
- 13 CONFIDENTIALITY, AND ZEALOUS REPRESENTATION OF THE CHILD'S
- 14 EXPRESSED WISHES AS THE ATTORNEY WOULD TO AN ADULT CLIENT. FOR
- 15 THE PURPOSE OF A NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THESE SECTIONS, ATTORNEY
- 16 INCLUDES A CHILD'S LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM.
- 17 (C) "CASE SERVICE PLAN" MEANS THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY AN
- 18 AGENCY AND PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18F OF THIS CHAPTER THAT
- 19 INCLUDES SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND
- 20 OBLIGATIONS OF THE AGENCY AND ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND
- 21 OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENT. THE CASE SERVICE PLAN MAY BE REFERRED
- 22 TO USING DIFFERENT NAMES THAN CASE SERVICE PLAN INCLUDING, BUT
- 23 NOT LIMITED TO, A PARENT/AGENCY AGREEMENT OR A PARENT/AGENCY
- 24 TREATMENT PLAN AND SERVICE AGREEMENT.
- 25 (D) (D) "Foster care" means care provided to a juvenile in
- 26 a foster family home, foster family group home, or juvenile
- 27 caring institution licensed or approved under 1973 PA 116,

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- 1 MCL 722.111 to 722.128, or care provided to a juvenile in a
- 2 relative's home under an A COURT order. of the court.
- 3 (E) "GUARDIAN AD LITEM" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE COURT
- 4 APPOINTS TO ASSIST THE COURT IN DETERMINING THE CHILD'S BEST
- 5 INTERESTS. A GUARDIAN AD LITEM DOES NOT NEED TO BE AN ATTORNEY.
- 6 (F) "LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM" MEANS AN ATTORNEY APPOINTED
- 7 UNDER SECTION 17C OF THIS CHAPTER. A LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM
- 8 REPRESENTS THE CHILD, AND HAS THE POWERS AND DUTIES, AS SET FORTH
- 9 IN SECTION 17D OF THIS CHAPTER. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17D OF
- 10 THIS CHAPTER ALSO APPLY TO A LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTED
- 11 UNDER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 12 (i) SECTION 427 OR 437 OF THE REVISED PROBATE CODE, 1978 PA
- 13 642, MCL 700.427 AND 700.437.
- 14 (ii) SECTION 4 OF THE CHILD CUSTODY ACT OF 1970, 1970 PA 91,
- **15** MCL 722.24.
- 16 (iii) SECTION 10 OF THE CHILD PROTECTION LAW, 1975 PA 238,
- **17** MCL 722.630.
- 18 (G) "NONPARENT ADULT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE
- 19 OR OLDER AND WHO, REGARDLESS OF THE PERSON'S DOMICILE, MEETS ALL
- 20 OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN RELATION TO A CHILD OVER WHOM THE
- 21 COURT TAKES JURISDICTION UNDER THIS CHAPTER:
- 22 (i) HAS SUBSTANTIAL AND REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE CHILD.
- 23 (ii) HAS A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILD'S
- 24 PARENT OR WITH A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S HEALTH OR
- 25 WELFARE.
- 26 (iii) IS NOT THE CHILD'S PARENT OR A PERSON OTHERWISE
- 27 RELATED TO THE CHILD BY BLOOD OR AFFINITY TO THE THIRD DEGREE.

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- 1 (H) $\frac{(c)}{(c)}$ "Permanent foster family agreement" means an
- 2 agreement for a child 14 years old or older to remain with a par-
- 3 ticular foster family until the child is 18 years old under stan-
- 4 dards and requirements established by the family independence
- 5 agency, which agreement is among all of the following:
- 6 (i) The child.
- 7 (ii) If the child is a temporary ward, the child's family.
- **8** (*iii*) The foster family.
- 9 (iv) The child placing agency responsible for the child's
- 10 care in foster care.
- 11 (2) If a juvenile is alleged to be within the provisions of
- 12 section 2(b) of this chapter, the court may authorize a petition
- 13 to be filed at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing or
- 14 inquiry. The court may authorize the petition upon a showing of
- 15 probable cause that 1 or more of the allegations in the petition
- 16 are true and fall within the provisions of section 2(b) of this
- 17 chapter. If a petition is before the court because the family
- 18 independence agency is required to submit the petition under sec-
- 19 tion 17 of THE CHILD PROTECTION LAW, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.637,
- 20 the court shall hold a hearing on the petition within 24 hours or
- 21 on the next business day after the petition is submitted, at
- 22 which hearing the court shall CONSIDER at least -consider the
- 23 matters governed by subsections (4) and (5).
- 24 (3) Except as provided in subsection (5), if a petition
- 25 under subsection (2) is authorized, the court may release the
- 26 juvenile in the custody of either of the juvenile's parents or
- 27 the juvenile's guardian or custodian under reasonable terms and

- 1 conditions necessary for either the juvenile's physical health or
- 2 mental well-being.
- 3 (4) The court may order a parent, guardian, custodian,
- 4 NONPARENT ADULT, or other person residing in a child's home to
- 5 leave the home and, except as the court orders, not TO subse-
- 6 quently return to the home if all of the following take place:
- 7 (a) A petition alleging abuse of the child by the parent,
- 8 guardian, custodian, NONPARENT ADULT, or other person is autho-
- 9 rized under subsection (2).
- 10 (b) The court after a hearing finds probable cause to
- 11 believe the parent, guardian, custodian, NONPARENT ADULT, or
- 12 other person committed the abuse.
- 13 (c) The court finds on the record that the presence in the
- 14 home of the person alleged to have committed the abuse presents a
- 15 substantial risk of harm to the child's life, physical health, or
- 16 mental well-being.
- 17 (5) If a petition alleges abuse by a person described in
- 18 subsection (4), regardless of whether the court orders the
- 19 alleged abuser to leave the child's home under subsection (4),
- 20 the court shall not leave the child in or return the child to the
- 21 child's home or place the child with a person not licensed under
- 22 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128, unless the court finds that
- 23 the conditions of custody at the placement and with the individ-
- 24 ual with whom the child is placed are adequate to safeguard the
- 25 child from the risk of harm to the child's life, physical health,
- 26 or mental well-being.

- 1 (6) In determining whether to enter an order under
- 2 subsection (4), the court may consider whether the parent who is
- 3 to remain in the juvenile's home is married to the person to be
- 4 removed or has a legal right to retain possession of the home.
- 5 (7) An order entered under subsection (4) may also contain 1
- 6 or more of the following terms or conditions:
- 7 (a) The court may require the alleged abusive parent to pay
- 8 appropriate support to maintain a suitable home environment for
- 9 the juvenile during the duration of the order.
- 10 (b) The court may order the alleged abusive person, accord-
- 11 ing to terms the court may set, to surrender to a local law
- 12 enforcement agency any firearms or other potentially dangerous
- 13 weapons the alleged abusive person owns, possesses, or uses.
- 14 (c) The court may include any reasonable term or condition
- 15 necessary for the juvenile's physical or mental well-being or
- 16 necessary to protect the juvenile.
- 17 (8) If the court orders placement of the juvenile outside
- 18 the juvenile's home, the court shall inform the parties of the
- 19 following:
- 20 (a) The THAT THE agency has the responsibility to prepare
- 21 an initial services plan within 30 days of the juvenile's
- 22 placement.
- 23 (b) The general elements of an initial services plan as
- 24 required by the rules promulgated under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111
- 25 to 722.128.
- 26 (c) Participation in an THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE initial
- 27 services plan is voluntary without a court order.

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- 1 (9) Before or within 7 days after a child is placed in a
- 2 relative's home, the department FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY
- 3 shall perform a criminal record check and central registry
- 4 clearance. If the child is placed in the home of a relative, the
- 5 court shall order a home study to be performed and a copy of the
- 6 home study to be submitted to the court not more than 30 days
- 7 after the placement.
- 8 (10) In determining placement of a juvenile pending trial,
- 9 the court shall order the juvenile placed in the most family-like
- 10 setting available consistent with the JUVENILE'S needs. of the
- 11 juvenile.
- 12 (11) If a juvenile is removed from his or her home, THE
- 13 COURT SHALL PERMIT the juvenile's parent shall be permitted to
- 14 have FREQUENT parenting time frequently with the juvenile.
- 15 However, if parenting time, even if supervised, may be harmful to
- 16 the juvenile, the court shall order the child to have a psycho-
- 17 logical evaluation or counseling, or both, to determine the
- 18 appropriateness and the conditions of parenting time. The court
- 19 may suspend parenting time while the psychological evaluation or
- 20 counseling is conducted.
- 21 (12) Upon the motion of any party, the court shall review
- 22 custody and placement orders and initial services plans pending
- 23 trial and may modify those orders and plans as the court consid-
- 24 ers under this section are in the JUVENILE'S best interests. -of
- 25 the juvenile.
- 26 (13) The court shall include in an order placing a child in
- 27 foster care an order directing the release of information

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- 1 concerning the child in accordance with this subsection. If a
- 2 child is placed in foster care, within 10 days after receipt of a
- 3 written request, the agency shall provide the person who is pro-
- 4 viding the foster care with copies of all initial, updated, and
- 5 revised case service plans and court orders relating to the child
- 6 and all of the child's medical, mental HEALTH, and education
- 7 reports, including reports compiled before the child was placed
- 8 with that person.
- 9 (14) In an order placing a child in foster care, the court
- 10 shall include both of the following:
- 11 (a) An order that the child's parent, guardian, or custodian
- 12 provide the supervising agency with the name and address of each
- 13 of the child's medical providers.
- 14 (b) An order that each of the child's medical providers
- 15 release the child's medical records. The order may specify pro-
- 16 viders by profession or type of institution.
- 17 (15) As used in this section, "abuse" means 1 or more of the
- 18 following:
- 19 (a) Harm or threatened harm by a person to a juvenile's
- 20 health or welfare that occurs through nonaccidental physical or
- 21 mental injury.
- 22 (b) Engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration as
- 23 defined in section 520a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- **24** MCL 750.520a, with a juvenile.
- 25 (c) Sexual exploitation of a juvenile, which includes, but
- 26 is not limited to, allowing, permitting, or encouraging a
- 27 juvenile to engage in prostitution or allowing, permitting,

- 1 encouraging, or engaging in photographing, filming, or depicting
- 2 a juvenile engaged in a listed sexual act as defined in section
- 3 145c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145c.
- 4 (d) Maltreatment of a juvenile.
- 5 Sec. 19. (1) Subject to section 20 of this chapter, if a
- 6 child remains under the jurisdiction of the court, a cause may be
- 7 terminated or an order may be amended or supplemented, within the
- 8 authority granted to the court in section 18 of this chapter, at
- 9 any time as the court considers necessary and proper. An amended
- 10 or supplemented order shall be referred to as a "supplemental"
- 11 order of disposition". If the family independence agency becomes
- 12 aware of additional abuse or neglect of a child who is under the
- 13 jurisdiction of the court and IF that abuse or neglect is sub-
- 14 stantiated as provided in the child protection law, 1975 PA 238,
- 15 MCL 722.621 to 722.638, the department shall file a supplemental
- 16 petition with the court.
- 17 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3), (6),
- 18 (7), (9), (10), and (11) THIS SECTION, if a child is placed in
- 19 foster care, the cause shall be reheard not more than 182 days
- 20 after entry of the order of disposition. The showing shall be
- 21 recorded stenographically at a hearing held by the judge or
- 22 referee. If the child remains in foster care in the temporary
- 23 custody of the court following the hearing, the cause shall be
- 24 further reheard not more than 182 days after the hearing. In
- 25 conducting the review hearing, the court shall review the per-
- 26 formance of the child, the child's parent, guardian, or

- 1 custodian, the juvenile worker, and other persons providing
- 2 assistance to the child and his or her family.
- 3 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), if, in a
- 4 proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter, a child is placed
- 5 and remains in foster care, a review hearing shall be held not
- 6 more than 91 days after entry of the order of disposition and
- 7 every 91 days after that so AS long as the child is subject to
- 8 the jurisdiction, control, or supervision of the court, or of the
- 9 Michigan children's institute or other agency. Upon motion by
- 10 any party or in the court's discretion, a review hearing may be
- 11 accelerated to review any element of the case service plan pre-
- 12 pared pursuant to section 18f of this chapter.
- 13 (4) If a child is in a permanent foster family agreement or
- 14 if a child is placed with a relative and the placement is
- 15 intended to be permanent, the court shall hold a review hearing
- 16 not more than 182 days after a permanency planning hearing held
- 17 pursuant to section 19a of this chapter and every 182 days after
- 18 that so long as the child is subject to the jurisdiction, con-
- 19 trol, or supervision of the court, or of the Michigan children's
- 20 institute or other agency. Upon the motion of any party or at
- 21 the court's discretion, a review hearing may be accelerated to
- 22 review any element of the case service plan. prepared pursuant
- 23 to section 18f of this chapter.
- 24 (5) Written notice of a review hearing under subsection (2),
- 25 (3), or (4) shall be served upon all of the following:
- 26 (a) The agency. The agency shall advise the child of the
- 27 hearing if the child is 11 years of age or older.

- 1 (b) The foster parent or custodian of the child.
- 2 (c) If the parental rights to the child have not been termi-
- 3 nated, the child's parents.
- 4 (d) If the child has a guardian, the guardian for the
- 5 child.
- **6** (e) If the child has a guardian ad litem, the guardian ad
- 7 litem for the child.
- 8 (F) A NONPARENT ADULT IF THE NONPARENT ADULT IS REQUIRED TO
- 9 COMPLY WITH THE CASE SERVICE PLAN.
- 10 (G) $\frac{(f)}{(f)}$ If tribal affiliation has been determined, the
- 11 elected leader of the Indian tribe.
- 12 (H) $\frac{(g)}{}$ The attorney for the child, the attorneys for each
- 13 party, and the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney
- 14 has appeared in the case.
- 15 (I) $\frac{h}{h}$ If the child is 11 years of age or older, the
- 16 child.
- 17 (J) $\overline{\text{(i)}}$ Other persons as the court may direct.
- 18 (6) At a review hearing under subsection (2), (3), or (4),
- 19 the court shall review on the record all of the following:
- 20 (a) Compliance with the case service plan with respect to
- 21 services provided or offered to the child and the child's parent,
- 22 guardian, or ustodian, OR NONPARENT ADULT IF THE NONPARENT
- 23 ADULT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CASE SERVICE PLAN and
- 24 whether the parent, guardian, or custodian, OR NONPARENT ADULT
- 25 IF THE NONPARENT ADULT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CASE SERV-
- 26 ICE PLAN has complied with and benefited from those services.

- 1 (b) Compliance with the case service plan with respect to
- 2 parenting time with the child. If parenting time did not occur
- 3 or was infrequent, the court shall determine why parenting time
- 4 did not occur or was infrequent.
- 5 (c) The extent to which the parent complied with each provi-
- 6 sion of the case service plan, prior court orders, and an agree-
- 7 ment between the parent and the agency.
- 8 (d) Likely harm to the child if the child continues to be
- 9 separated from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
- 10 (e) Likely harm to the child if the child is returned to the
- 11 child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
- 12 (7) After review of the case service plan, the court shall
- 13 determine the extent of progress made toward alleviating or miti-
- 14 gating the conditions that caused the child to be placed in
- 15 foster care or that caused the child to remain in foster care.
- 16 The court may modify any part of the case service plan including,
- 17 but not limited to, the following:
- 18 (a) Prescribing additional services that are necessary to
- 19 rectify the conditions that caused the child to be placed in
- 20 foster care or to remain in foster care.
- 21 (b) Prescribing additional actions to be taken by the
- 22 parent, guardian, NONPARENT ADULT, or custodian, to rectify the
- 23 conditions that caused the child to be placed in foster care or
- 24 to remain in foster care.
- 25 (8) At a review hearing under subsection (2), (3), or (4),
- 26 the court shall determine the continuing necessity and
- 27 appropriateness of the child's placement and shall order the

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- 1 return of the child to the custody of the parent, continue the
- 2 dispositional order, modify the dispositional order, or enter a
- 3 new dispositional order.
- 4 (9) If in a proceeding under section 2(b) of this chapter a
- 5 child is placed in foster care, the court shall determine at the
- 6 dispositional hearing and each review hearing whether the cause
- 7 should be reviewed before the next review hearing required by
- 8 subsection (2), (3), or (4). In making this determination, the
- 9 court shall consider -, but not be limited to, AT LEAST all of
- 10 the following:
- 11 (a) The parent's ability and motivation to make necessary
- 12 changes to provide a suitable environment for the child.
- 13 (b) Whether there is a reasonable likelihood that the child
- 14 may be returned to his or her home prior to the next review hear-
- 15 ing required by subsection (2), (3), or (4).
- 16 (10) Unless waived, if not less than 7 days' notice is given
- 17 to all parties prior to the return of a child to the child's
- 18 home, and no party requests a hearing within the 7 days, the
- 19 court may issue an order without a hearing permitting the agency
- 20 to return the child to the child's home.
- 21 (11) An agency report filed with the court shall be accessi-
- 22 ble to all parties to the action and shall be offered into
- 23 evidence. The court shall consider any written or oral informa-
- 24 tion concerning the child from the child's parent, guardian, cus-
- 25 todian, foster parent, child caring institution, relative with
- 26 whom a child is placed, ATTORNEY, LAWYER-GUARDIAN AD LITEM, or

- 1 guardian ad litem, in addition to any other evidence, including
- 2 the appropriateness of parenting time, offered at the hearing.
- 3 Sec. 19b. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), if a
- 4 child remains in foster care in the temporary custody of the
- 5 court following a review hearing under section 19(3) of this
- 6 chapter or a permanency planning hearing under section 19a of
- 7 this chapter or if a child remains in the custody of a guardian
- 8 or limited guardian, upon petition of the prosecuting attorney,
- 9 whether or not the prosecuting attorney is representing or acting
- 10 as legal consultant to the agency or any other party, or PETITION
- 11 of the child, guardian, custodian, concerned person as defined in
- 12 subsection (6), agency, or the children's ombudsman pursuant
- 13 to AS AUTHORIZED IN section 7 of the children's ombudsman act,
- 14 1994 PA 204, MCL 722.927, the court shall hold a hearing to
- 15 determine if the parental rights to a child should be terminated
- 16 and, if all parental rights to the child are terminated, the
- 17 child placed in permanent custody of the court. The court shall
- 18 state on the record or in writing its findings of fact and con-
- 19 clusions of law with respect to whether or not parental rights
- 20 should be terminated. The court shall issue an opinion or order
- 21 regarding a petition for termination of parental rights within 70
- 22 days after the commencement of the initial hearing on the
- 23 petition. However, the court's failure to issue an opinion
- 24 within 70 days does not dismiss the petition.
- 25 (2) Not less than 14 days before a hearing to determine if
- 26 the parental rights to a child should be terminated, written
- 27 notice of the hearing shall be served upon all of the following:

- 1 (a) The agency. The agency shall advise the child of the
- 2 hearing if the child is 11 years of age or older.
- **3** (b) The CHILD'S foster parent or custodian. of the child.
- 4 (c) The child's parents.
- 5 (d) If the child has a guardian, the CHILD'S guardian. —for
- 6 the child.
- 7 (e) If the child has a guardian ad litem, the CHILD'S guard-
- 8 ian ad litem. for the child.
- **9** (f) If tribal affiliation has been determined, the INDIAN
- 10 TRIBE'S elected leader. of the Indian tribe.
- 11 (g) The CHILD'S attorney for the child and the attorneys
- 12 for all parties AND EACH PARTY'S ATTORNEY.
- 13 (h) If the child is 11 years of age or older, the child.
- 14 (i) The prosecutor.
- 15 (3) The court may terminate a parent's parental rights to a
- 16 child if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, 1 or
- 17 more of the following:
- 18 (a) The child has been deserted under either of the follow-
- 19 ing circumstances:
- 20 (i) The CHILD'S parent of the child is unidentifiable, has
- 21 deserted the child for 28 or more days, and has not sought cus-
- 22 tody of the child during that period. For the purposes of this
- 23 section, a parent is unidentifiable if the parent's identity
- 24 cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts have been made to
- 25 locate and identify the parent.

- 1 (ii) The CHILD'S parent of a child has deserted the child
- 2 for 91 or more days and has not sought custody of the child
- 3 during that period.
- 4 (b) The child or a sibling of the child has suffered physi-
- **5** cal injury or physical or sexual abuse under <u>either</u> 1 OR MORE
- **6** of the following circumstances:
- 7 (i) The parent's act caused the physical injury or physical
- 8 or sexual abuse and the court finds that there is a reasonable
- 9 likelihood that the child will suffer from injury or abuse in the
- 10 foreseeable future if placed in the parent's home.
- 11 (ii) The parent who had the opportunity to prevent the phys-
- 12 ical injury or physical or sexual abuse failed to do so and the
- 13 court finds that there is a reasonable likelihood that the child
- 14 will suffer injury or abuse in the foreseeable future if placed
- 15 in the parent's home.
- 16 (iii) A NONPARENT ADULT'S ACT CAUSED THE PHYSICAL INJURY OR
- 17 PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE COURT FINDS THAT THERE IS A REA-
- 18 SONABLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE CHILD WILL SUFFER FROM INJURY OR
- 19 ABUSE BY THE NONPARENT ADULT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE IF PLACED
- 20 IN THE PARENT'S HOME.
- 21 (c) The parent was a respondent in a proceeding brought
- 22 under this chapter, 182 or more days have elapsed since the issu-
- 23 ance of an initial dispositional order, and the court, by clear
- 24 and convincing evidence, finds either of the following:
- 25 (i) The conditions that led to the adjudication continue to
- 26 exist and there is no reasonable likelihood that the conditions

- 1 will be rectified within a reasonable time considering the
- 2 CHILD'S age. of the child.
- 3 (ii) Other conditions exist that cause the child to come
- 4 within the COURT'S jurisdiction, of the court, the parent has
- 5 received recommendations to rectify those conditions, the condi-
- 6 tions have not been rectified by the parent after the parent has
- 7 received notice AND a hearing and HAS been given a rea-
- 8 sonable opportunity to rectify the conditions, and there is no
- 9 reasonable likelihood that the conditions will be rectified
- 10 within a reasonable time considering the CHILD'S age. of the
- 11 child.
- 12 (d) The CHILD'S parent of a child has placed the child in
- 13 a limited guardianship under section 424a of the revised probate
- 14 code, 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.424a, and has substantially failed,
- 15 without good cause, to comply with a limited guardianship place-
- 16 ment plan described in section 424a of the revised probate code,
- 17 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.424a, regarding the child to the extent that
- 18 the noncompliance has resulted in a disruption of the
- 19 parent-child relationship.
- 20 (e) The child has a guardian under the revised probate code,
- 21 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.1 to 700.993, and the parent has substan-
- 22 tially failed, without good cause, to comply with a
- 23 court-structured plan described in section 424b or 424c of the
- 24 revised probate code, 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.424b and 700.424c,
- 25 regarding the child to the extent that the noncompliance has
- 26 resulted in a disruption of the parent-child relationship.

- 1 (f) The child has a guardian under the revised probate code, 2 1978 PA 642, MCL 700.1 to 700.993, and both of the following have
- 3 occurred:
- 4 (i) The parent, having the ability to support or assist in
- 5 supporting the minor, has failed or neglected, without good
- 6 cause, to provide regular and substantial support for the minor
- 7 for a period of 2 years or more before the filing of the petition
- 8 or, if a support order has been entered, has failed to substan-
- 9 tially comply with the order for a period of 2 years or more
- 10 before the filing of the petition.
- 11 (ii) The parent, having the ability to visit, contact, or
- 12 communicate with the minor, has regularly and substantially
- 13 failed or neglected, without good cause, to do so for a period of
- 14 2 years or more before the filing of the petition.
- 15 (g) The parent, without regard to intent, fails to provide
- 16 proper care or custody for the child and there is no reasonable
- 17 expectation that the parent will be able to provide proper care
- 18 and custody within a reasonable time considering the CHILD'S age.
- 19 of the child.
- 20 (h) The parent is imprisoned for such a period that the
- 21 child will be deprived of a normal home for a period exceeding 2
- 22 years, and the parent has not provided for the child's proper
- 23 care and custody, and there is no reasonable expectation that the
- 24 parent will be able to provide proper care and custody within a
- 25 reasonable time considering the CHILD'S age. of the child.
- 26 (i) Parental rights to 1 or more siblings of the child have
- 27 been terminated due to serious and chronic neglect or physical or

2 been unsuccessful.

- 1 sexual abuse, and prior attempts to rehabilitate the parents have
- 3 (j) There is a reasonable likelihood, based on the conduct
- 4 or capacity of the child's parent, that the child will be harmed
- 5 if he or she is returned to the home of the parent.
- **6** (k) The parent abused the child or a sibling of the child
- 7 and the abuse included 1 or more of the following:
- 8 (i) Abandonment of a young child.
- 9 (ii) Criminal sexual conduct involving penetration,
- 10 attempted penetration, or assault with intent to penetrate.
- 11 (iii) Battering, torture, or other severe physical abuse.
- 12 (iv) Loss or serious impairment of an organ or limb.
- (v) Life threatening injury.
- 14 (vi) Murder or attempted murder.
- 15 (1) The parent's rights to another child were terminated as
- 16 a result of proceedings under section 2(b) of this chapter or a
- 17 similar law of another state.
- 18 (m) The parent's rights to another child were voluntarily
- 19 terminated following the initiation of proceedings under section
- 20 2(b) of this chapter or a similar law of another state.
- 21 (N) THE PARENT IS CONVICTED OF 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING,
- 22 AND THE COURT DETERMINES THAT TERMINATION IS IN THE CHILD'S BEST
- 23 INTERESTS BECAUSE CONTINUING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP WITH
- 24 THE PARENT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE CHILD:
- 25 (i) A VIOLATION OF SECTION 316, 317, 520B, 520C, 520D, 520E,
- 26 OR 520G OF THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.316,
- 27 750.317, 750.520B, 750.520C, 750.520D, 750.520E, AND 750.520G.

- 1 (ii) A VIOLATION OF A CRIMINAL STATUTE, AN ELEMENT OF WHICH
- 2 IS THE USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE, AND WHICH SUBJECTS
- 3 THE PARENT TO SENTENCING UNDER SECTION 10, 11, OR 12 OF CHAPTER
- 4 IX OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.10,
- **5** 769.11, AND 769.12.
- 6 (iii) A FEDERAL LAW OR LAW OF ANOTHER STATE WITH PROVISIONS
- 7 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO A CRIME OR PROCEDURE LISTED OR DESCRIBED
- 8 IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OR (ii).
- **9** (4) If a petition to terminate the parental rights to a
- 10 child is filed, the court may enter an order terminating parental
- 11 rights under subsection (3) at the initial dispositional
- 12 hearing. IF A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS TO A CHILD
- 13 IS FILED, PARENTING TIME FOR A PARENT WHO IS A SUBJECT OF THE
- 14 PETITION IS AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED AND, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PRO-
- 15 VIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, REMAINS SUSPENDED AT LEAST UNTIL A
- 16 DECISION IS ISSUED ON THE TERMINATION PETITION. IF A PARENT
- 17 WHOSE PARENTING TIME IS SUSPENDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ESTAB-
- 18 LISHES, AND THE COURT DETERMINES, THAT PARENTING TIME WILL NOT
- 19 HARM THE CHILD, THE COURT MAY ORDER PARENTING TIME IN THE AMOUNT
- 20 AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS THE COURT DETERMINES APPROPRIATE.
- 21 (5) If the court finds that there are grounds for termina-
- 22 tion of parental rights, the court shall order termination of
- 23 parental rights and order that additional efforts for reunifica-
- 24 tion of the child with the parent not be made, unless the court
- 25 finds that termination of parental rights to the child is clearly
- 26 not in the child's best interests.

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- (6) As used in this section, "concerned person" means a
- 2 foster parent with whom the child is living or has lived who has
- 3 specific knowledge of behavior by the parent constituting grounds
- 4 for termination under subsection (3)(b) or (g) and who has con-
- 5 tacted the family independence agency, the prosecuting attorney,
- 6 the child's attorney, and the child's guardian ad litem, if any,
- 7 and is satisfied that none of these persons intend to file a
- 8 petition under this section.
- 9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect
- **10** July 1, 1999.