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Termination of parental rights procedures										

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes two statutory changes in the termination of parental rights (TPR) statutes. One change simply conforms the TPR law to recent case law interpretations and thus will not change current practice.

The second change will modify current practice in a small number of cases so as to permit the judge to make a summary judgement in favor of the state's position to terminate parental rights. This new authority would be based upon the fact that the parent faces a TPR case due to circumstances for which no defense is possible. Even in those instances, in order for there to be any significant savings of prosecutorial time, it is still necessary that the second parent, if there is one, is either also facing a summary judgement or that the second parent is not contesting the TPR.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

May become a more important source of savings as experience with the new law is developed.