

Senate Bill 148

By: Senators Squires of the 5th and Clay of the 37th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 6 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to deprivation, so as to change and reorganize provisions relating to
3 allegedly deprived children; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 6 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to deprivation, is amended by inserting a new Code section to follow Code Section
9 15-11-58, relating to family reunification, reports and plans, custody orders, duration of
10 orders, review of determinations, hearings, and supplemental orders, to read as follows:
11 "15-11-58.1.

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, an order of disposition in a proceeding involving
13 deprivation, except an order involving the appointment of a guardian of the person or
14 property of a child, continues in force for not more than two years. The court may sooner
15 terminate its order or extend its duration for further periods. An order of extension may
16 be made if:

17 (1) A hearing is held prior to the expiration of the order upon motion of a party or on the
18 court's own motion;

19 (2) Reasonable notice of the factual basis of the motion and of the hearing and
20 opportunity to be heard are given to the parties affected;

21 (3) The court finds that the extension is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the
22 order extended; and

23 (4) The extension does not exceed two years from the expiration of the prior order.

24 (b) The court may terminate an order of disposition of a child adjudicated as deprived or
25 an extension of such a disposition order prior to its expiration, on or without an application
26 of a party, if it appears to the court that the purposes of the order have been accomplished.

1 (c) Unless otherwise provided by law, when a child adjudicated as deprived reaches 21
2 years of age all orders affecting him or her then in force terminate and he or she is
3 discharged from further obligation or control."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.