

House Bill 1322

By: Representatives Fleming of the 79th, Bordeaux of the 125th, Oliver of the 56th, Post 2, Burmeister of the 96th, Douglas of the 73rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the placement of a child following a termination order, custodial authority, and review of
3 placement, so as to change the time limit requirements for the review of an adoption petition;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-11-103, relating to the placement of a child following a termination order,
8 custodial authority, and review of placement, is amended by striking subsection (e) and
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(e) Except in those cases where the child was placed pursuant to paragraph (3) or (5) of
11 subsection (a) of this Code section, if a petition seeking the adoption of the child is not
12 filed within ~~one year~~ six months after the date of the disposition order, the court shall then,
13 and at least ~~yearly~~ every six months thereafter as long as the child remains unadopted,
14 review the circumstances of the child to determine what efforts have been made to assure
15 that the child will be adopted. The court may then enter such orders as it deems necessary
16 to further the adoption, including but not limited to another placement. In those cases
17 where the child was placed with a guardian of the child's person pursuant to paragraph (3)
18 of subsection (a) of this Code section, the guardian shall report to the court in the same
19 manner and at the same frequency as is required for guardians of the person of minors
20 appointed by the judge of the probate court. In those cases where the child was placed
21 pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the court shall, at least
22 ~~yearly~~ every six months thereafter as long as the child remains subject to the jurisdiction
23 of the court, review the circumstances of the child to determine that placement in the
24 family home-like setting continues to be in the child's best interests."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.