

House Bill 1631

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations,  
2 so as to require that courts must determine matters of adoption and child custody within 90  
3 days after the final hearing in such cases; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
4 effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is  
8 amended by adding a new subsection (j) to Code Section 19-8-14, relating to timing of  
9 adoption hearing, to read as follows:

10 "(j) All adoption proceedings shall be decided and determined by the court no later than  
11 90 days following the conclusion of the final hearing on such matters."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code Section 19-9-8 to Article 1 of Chapter 9,  
14 relating to general provisions concerning child custody proceedings, to read as follows:

15 "19-9-8.

16 All child custody proceedings shall be decided and determined by the court no later than  
17 90 days following the conclusion of the final hearing on such matters."

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2004, and shall apply to all adoption and child  
20 custody cases pending on and after such date.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.