

House Bill 303

By: Representative Mumford of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 reasonable efforts regarding reunification of family, reports and plans, custody orders when
3 reunification found not to be in child's best interest, duration of orders, review of
4 determinations, hearings, and supplemental orders, so as to provide that the duration of
5 certain orders in deprivation proceedings may be extended for longer periods; to provide for
6 other party's ability to file certain motions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 15-11-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reasonable
11 efforts regarding reunification of family, reports and plans, custody orders when reunification
12 found not to be in child's best interest, duration of orders, review of determinations, hearings,
13 and supplemental orders, is amended by revising subsection (n) as follows:

14 "(n) The court which made the order may extend its duration for one or more periods of
15 not more than 12 months if:

16 (1) A hearing is held upon motion of the Division of Family and Children Services of the
17 Department of Human Resources or any other party prior to the expiration of the order;

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

20 (3) The court finds that the extension is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the
21 order extended."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.