

Legislation and Policy Resource Committee

89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS



Recommendation 1

Clarify that the requirement for termination of parental rights that requires a description in writing of the specific reasonable efforts made by DFPS to return the child to the parent is to be made by a judge, not a jury

History

HB 1087 (88th Leg. Session) - Rep. Hull

Added Subsections (f) and (g) to Tex. Fam. Code § 161.001

Recommendation 2

Add authorization to
conduct hearings
remotely to Child
Protection Court judges

History

SB 870 (88th Leg.
Session) - Sen. West

Added Tex. Fam.
Code § 201.1045

Recommendation 3

Clarify that the triggering date to terminate parental rights under ground (M) is the date DFPS was granted Permanent Managing Conservatorship (PMC) not Temporary Managing Conservatorship (TMC)

History

HB 2924 (87th Leg. Session) - Rep. Dutton

Added subsection (d-1) to Tex. Fam. Code § 161.001

Recommendation 4

In a court ordered services case, require the calculation for the dismissal date to begin the date the order is rendered rather than the date the order is signed

History

HB 567 (87th Leg. Session) - Rep. Frank

Added Tex. Fam. Code § 264.203(q)

Recommendation 5

Reconciling the conflicting directives in Tex. Fam. Code §263.002 (placement review) and Tex. Fam. Code § 263.306 (permanency hearings before a final order)

History

HB 567 (87th Leg. Session) - Rep. Frank

Amended Tex. Fam. Code § 263.002(c)

Recommendation 6

Clarify that reinstatement of parental rights is not limited to cases where termination of parental rights is involuntary

History

HB 2926 (87th Leg. Session) - Rep. Parker

Added Tex. Fam. Code Chapter 161, Subchapter D

Recommendation 7

Allow any party to request extensions in Court Ordered Services cases

History

HB 567 (87th Leg. Session) - Rep. Frank

Amended Tex. Fam. Code 264.203

Recommendation 8

- Tabled after discussion at the 9/13/24 Children's Commission Meeting

Thank You!
