

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 13, 2023  
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB23-039 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 5, line 18, after "19-1-106." insert "IF A  
2 RESPONDENT VOLUNTARILY WAIVES THE RESPONDENT'S ATTENDANCE AND  
3 PARTICIPATION, THE RESPONDENT WAIVES THE RESPONDENT'S ABILITY TO  
4 CLAIM THAT THE RESPONDENT'S RIGHT TO ATTEND AND FULLY  
5 PARTICIPATE IN ALL PROCEEDINGS WAS VIOLATED. IF THE RESPONDENT IS  
6 REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, COUNSEL SHALL MAKE DILIGENT EFFORTS TO  
7 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT OF ALL HEARINGS."
- 8 Page 5, line 23, strike "ATTENDANCE" and substitute "PERSONAL  
9 ATTENDANCE OR ATTENDANCE THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION  
10 TECHNOLOGY".
- 11 Page 6, line 2, strike "ATTEND OR ATTEND" and substitute "ATTEND A  
12 CONTESTED HEARING OR ATTEND ANY HEARING".
- 13 Page 6, line 6, after "TECHNOLOGY." insert "IF A WRIT FOR APPEARANCE  
14 THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IS ISSUED, THE  
15 COURT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE WRIT CONCERNING THE  
16 MANNER BY WHICH THE RESPONDENT MAY APPEAR AND SHALL ENSURE  
17 THE WRIT IS PROVIDED TO THE LITIGATION COORDINATOR AT THE FACILITY  
18 OR JAIL WHERE THE RESPONDENT IS INCARCERATED. IF THE RESPONDENT  
19 IS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE COUNSEL TO  
20 INFORM THE LITIGATION COORDINATOR."
- 21 Page 6, line 17, strike "SHALL" and substitute "SHALL, WHEN POSSIBLE,".
- 22 Page 7, line 1, strike "TECHNOLOGY." and substitute "TECHNOLOGY, SO  
23 LONG AS THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5.5)(b)(I) OF

- 1 THIS SECTION ARE SATISFIED."
- 2 Page 8, lines 1 and 2, strike "IS NOT THE PARENT'S PREFERENCE OR".
- 3 Page 8, after line 4 insert "THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE PREFERENCES  
4 OF THE CHILD AND PARENT WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER IN-PERSON  
5 FAMILY TIME SHOULD OCCUR."
- 6 Page 10, lines 10 and 11, strike "INTERESTS OR IS NOT THE PARENT'S  
7 PREFERENCE," and substitute "INTERESTS,".
- 8 Page 10 line 13, after "INTERESTS." insert "THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER  
9 THE PREFERENCES OF THE CHILD AND PARENT WHEN DETERMINING  
10 WHETHER IN-PERSON FAMILY TIME SHOULD OCCUR."
- 11 Page 11, line 14, after "PLACEMENT" insert "FOR THE CHILD".
- 12 Page 11, strike lines 17 through 19 and substitute "REQUIRE THE CHILD TO  
13 TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PLACEMENT, THE".
- 14 Page 13, line 15, after "LIMITATIONS" insert "BEYOND THE CONTROL OF  
15 THE PARENT".
- 16 Page 15, line 17, strike "SHALL" and substitute "SHALL, WHEN POSSIBLE,".
- 17 Page 16, line 2, strike "TECHNOLOGY." and substitute "TECHNOLOGY, SO  
18 LONG AS THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-502 (5.5)(b)(I)  
19 ARE SATISFIED."
- 20 Page 16, line 16, strike "PARENT'S CASE MANAGER AT THE FACILITY" and  
21 substitute "DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE LEGAL SERVICES UNIT".
- 22 Page 16, line 19, strike "DEVELOP" and substitute "ENSURE CHILDREN AND  
23 PARENTS HAVE ACCESS TO".
- 24 Page 16, strike lines 21 through 23 and substitute "PARENTS WHO ARE  
25 INCARCERATED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE A RESPONDENT IN A  
26 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT PROCEEDING. THE OPPORTUNITIES MUST  
27 INCLUDE:".
- 28 Page 16, line 24, strike "REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS" and substitute  
29 "EVENTS".

1 Page 17, strike lines 7 and 8 and substitute "INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE  
2 LEGAL SERVICES UNIT TO ASSIST IN FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATION. THE  
3 INDIVIDUAL'S DUTIES".

4 Page 18, strike line 12 and substitute:

5 "(6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENTAL  
6 POLICIES:".

7 Page 18, line 16, strike "DEPARTMENT." and substitute "DEPARTMENT,  
8 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE A RESPONDENT IN A DEPENDENCY  
9 AND NEGLECT PROCEEDING.".

10 Page 18, strike line 27 and substitute "PARENT, WHEN APPROPRIATE. THE  
11 POLICIES MUST PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE  
12 DEPARTMENT FOR PARENTS WITH OPEN DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES;  
13 AND".

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