

CHAPTER 80

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

HOUSE BILL 03-1095

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also SENATOR(S) Reeves, Hanna, and Tapia.

AN ACT**CONCERNING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO CERTAIN ABANDONED CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 19-3-304.5 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 19-3-304.5 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

19-3-304.5. Emergency possession of certain abandoned children. (2) If a firefighter or hospital staff member takes temporary physical custody of a child pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the firefighter or hospital staff member shall:

(b) Notify a law enforcement officer AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of the abandonment within twenty-four hours after the abandonment.

(8) A PARENT WHO UTILIZES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT, FOR THAT REASON ALONE, HAVE HIS OR HER NAME ADDED TO THE STATE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD PROTECTION.

SECTION 2. 19-1-115 (7) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

19-1-115. Legal custody - guardianship - placement out of the home. (7) Reasonable efforts are not required to prevent the child's removal from the home or to reunify the child and the family in the following circumstances:

(b) When the parental rights of the parent with respect to a sibling of the child have been involuntarily terminated; UNLESS THE PRIOR SIBLING TERMINATION

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

RESULTED FROM A PARENT DELIVERING A CHILD TO A FIREFIGHTER OR A HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBER PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19-3-304.5; or

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 25, 2003