



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS LAW (Rep. Suzanne Jeskewitz, Chair)

December 14, 2004
Legislative Council Conference Room

- 9:30 a.m.* CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
- 9:35 a.m. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2004 MEETING.
- 9:40 a.m. PRESENTATION BY INVITED SPEAKER:
- Colleen Ellingson, Executive Director, Adoption Resources of Wisconsin.
- 10:15 a.m. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:
- WLC: 0015/2, relating to involuntary termination of parental rights based upon failure to assume parental responsibility.
 - WLC: 0033/1, relating to involuntary termination of parental rights ground of continuing need of protection and services.
 - WLC: 0032/1, relating to involuntary termination of parental rights on the ground that the child is in need of protection or services and that parental rights to another child have been terminated.
 - WLC: 0034/1, relating to creating involuntary termination of parental rights ground of continuing incarceration.
 - WLC: 0035/1, relating to notice of a termination of parental rights proceeding to parents of a child whose custody was relinquished.
 - WLC: 0038/2, relating to declarations of paternal interest.

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- WLC: 0040/1, relating to permitting a parent who is unable to appear in person at a hearing on the voluntary termination of his or her parental rights to give consent by telephone or live audiovisual means.
- WLC: 0043/1, relating to requiring a person to file a notice of abandonment of appeal within 30 days after service of the transcript in a termination of parental rights case.
- WLC: 0044/1, relating to the role of a guardian ad litem appointed for a parent in a contested termination of parental rights proceeding involving a child found to be in need of protection or services.
- WLC: 0045/1, relating to specifying that evidentiary privilege does not apply to statements made by a parent during the course of an alcohol and drug abuse assessment or a mental, physical, psychological or developmental examination of the parent in a termination of parental rights proceeding.
- WLC: 0070/1, relating to grounds for involuntary termination of parental rights.
- WLC: 0071/1, relating to permitting adoptees to obtain access to medical and genetic and identifying information about their birth siblings.
- WLC: 0073/1, relating to specifying the Milwaukee child welfare agency's right to appeal administrative hearing decisions on licensure of a foster home or treatment foster home.
- WLC: 0074/1, relating to permitting placement of a child in the home of a proposed adoptive parent or parents who live out-of-state.
- Draft letter to Secretary Helene Nelson, Department of Health and Family Services.
- Letter, from Senator Tom Reynolds, dated October 13, 2004.
- Email, from John Talis, dated November 18, 2004.
- Memorandum, from Bob Anderson, League Action of Wisconsin, Inc., dated December 3, 2004.

12:30 p.m. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

12:50 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS.

12:55 p.m. PLANS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

1:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT.

Other committee members: Sens. Plale and Reynolds; and Reps. Kestell and Sinicki; and Public Members Dreyfus, Ehmann, Foley, Hayes, Kenney, Proft, and Sampson.