

SENATE BILL 1722
By Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, relative to termination of parental rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(b), is amended by adding the language "a person who is participating in the relative caregiver program pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136," after the language "court appointed special advocate (CASA) agency," and before the language "or the department".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(b), is amended by adding the language "or a person who is participating in the relative caregiver program pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136," after the language "The prospective adoptive parents" and before the language, "shall have standing".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(m), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

(m) Upon termination of parental or guardian rights, in any separate proceeding concerning the child, the court may award guardianship or partial guardianship of the child to a licensed child-placing agency, or to the department, with the right to place the child for adoption and with the right to consent to the child's adoption,

or to any prospective adoptive parent or parents or person who is participating in the relative caregiver program pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136, with the right to adopt the child, as the case may be, subject to the remaining rights, if any, of other parent or parents or guardian or guardians of the child.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.