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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 289

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Under current law, for each child placed outside his or her home, the agency responsible for the care of the child must generally prepare a permanency plan. A permanency plan is a plan designed to ensure that a child is reunified with his or her family whenever appropriate or that the child quickly attains a placement or home providing long-term stability.

Before a permanency plan hearing or review, the agency that prepared the plan must provide a copy and any written comments to the child’s parent, guardian, or legal custodian; the district attorney or corporation counsel; the child’s counsel; the child’s guardian ad litem; the child court-appointed special advocate; and, if the child is an Indian child, the child’s Indian custodian and tribe.

2021 Assembly Bill 289 provides that the permanency plan, and any written comments submitted in response to the plan, may be provided to the out-of-home care provider.¹ A **permanency plan** that is provided to an out-of-home care provider of the child must be redacted to protect information that is required to remain confidential under state or federal law.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 amends the bill in the following ways:

- Requires both the **permanency plan** and **any written comments** provided to an out-of-home care provider be redacted to protect information that is required to remain confidential under state or federal law.
- Prohibits an out-of-home care provider who receives a copy of the permanency plan and any written comments from disclosing the contents of the permanency plan or the written comments to any other person.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Murphy offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 19, 2022. On January 26, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4.

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¹ Examples of an “out-of-home care provider” include a foster parent, relative other than the parent, nonrelative in whose home the child is placed, and operator of a group home. [s. 48.02 (12r), Stats.]