

HB 547 -- Termination of Parental Rights

Sponsor: Mitten

This bill allows the juvenile officer or the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of a child's parents when it appears the child has been abused or neglected and the parent is unfit at the time of the termination, or, when the child has been under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for a period of one year, and the court finds that the conditions which led to the assumption of jurisdiction still persist, the conditions of a potentially harmful nature continue to exist, there is little likelihood that those conditions will be remedied at an early date so that the child can be returned to the parent in the near future, and the continuation of the parent-child relationship greatly diminishes the child's prospects for early integration into a stable and permanent home.