

HB 1492 -- TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

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This bill changes the laws regarding the termination of parental rights under which a parent is presumed unfit to be a party to the parent and child relationship because of a consistent pattern of committing a specific abuse by adding the following circumstances:

- (1) If, while a child is in utero or within eight hours after a child's birth, the child's birth mother has tested positive for cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
- (2) If, at the time of the child's birth or within eight hours after a child's birth, the child tested positive for cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine;
- (3) If, within a three-year period immediately prior to termination adjudication, the parent has pled guilty to or has been convicted of a felony involving the possession of cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine; or
- (4) If, within a three-year period immediately prior to termination adjudication, the parent has pled guilty to or has been found guilty of a felony involving the manufacture or sale of cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine.