

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

BY adding to

Article - Family Law
Section ~~5-312-1~~ 5-525.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-301.

(b) "Child placement agency" means:

(1) a local department of social services; or

(2) a private agency that:

(i) engages in the placement of children in homes or with individuals; and

(ii) is licensed by the Social Services Administration under § 5-507 of this title.

~~5-312-1~~ 5-525.1.

~~{A}~~ IF A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY TO WHICH A CHILD IS COMMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-525 OF THIS SUBTITLE DETERMINES THAT ADOPTION OF THE CHILD IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF THE NATURAL PARENT'S RIGHTS WITHIN 60 120 DAYS OF THE DETERMINATION.

~~{B}--IF-A-CHILD-PLACEMENT-AGENCY-DETERMINES-THAT-ADOPTION-IS IN-THE-BEST--INTEREST--OF--THE--CHILD--AS--DESCRIBED--UNDER--THIS SECTION,--THE--CHILD-PLACEMENT-AGENCY-SHALL-FILE-A-WRITTEN-REPORT WITH-THE-COURT-AND-PROVIDE-NOTICE-OF-THE-PETITION-FOR-TERMINATION OF-THE-NATURAL-PARENT'S-RIGHTS-TO--EACH--NATURAL--PARENT--OF--THE CHILD-~~

~~{C}--THE--CHILD--PLACEMENT--AGENCY--SHALL--MAIL--THE--NOTICE REQUIRED--UNDER--THIS--SECTION--TO--EACH--NATURAL--PARENT--AT--THE--LAST ADDRESS-OF-THE--NATURAL--PARENT--KNOWN--TO--THE--CHILD--PLACEMENT AGENCY-~~

~~{D}--THE-WRITTEN-REPORT-REQUIRED-UNDER-THIS-SECTION-SHALL-~~

~~{1}--BE-FILED-WITH-THE-COURT,--AND~~