

AMENDMENTS TO LB15
(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

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1 1. On page 4, line 20, after "thereafter" insert ", unless the court
2 approves other methods of consultation as provided in subsection (6) of
3 this section,"; and in lines 21 and 22 strike the new matter.

4 2. On page 5, lines 6 and 7, strike "relevant stakeholders" and
5 insert "individuals described in subdivision (d) of this subsection";
6 strike beginning with "A" in line 8 through "43-1301" in line 10; in line
7 12 strike beginning with the first comma through "alternative", show as
8 stricken, and insert "As an alternative to the written reports and
9 recommendations"; and in line 14 after "hearing" insert ". A copy of the
10 written reports and recommendations to the court or a copy of the
11 checklist presented to the court shall also be submitted to the Foster
12 Care Review Office for any juvenile in foster care placement as defined
13 in section 43-1301".

14 3. On page 6, strike lines 13 through 29 and insert the following
15 new subsection:

16 "(6) The guardian ad litem shall meet in person with the juvenile
17 for purposes of the consultation required by subdivision (2)(d) of this
18 section unless prohibited or made impracticable by exceptional
19 circumstances, including, but not limited to, situations in which an
20 unreasonable geographical distance is involved between the location of
21 the guardian ad litem and the juvenile. When such exceptional
22 circumstances exist, the guardian ad litem shall attempt such
23 consultation by other reasonable means, including, but not limited to, by
24 telephone or suitable electronic means, if the juvenile is of sufficient
25 age and capacity to participate in such means of communication and there
26 are no other barriers preventing such means of communication. If

1 consultation by telephone or suitable electronic means is not feasible,
2 the guardian ad litem shall seek direction from the court as to any other
3 acceptable method by which to accomplish consultation required by
4 subdivision (2)(d) of this section."