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TITLE: CONCERNING CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE EXPEDITED

RELINQUISHMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

## **Summary of Assessment**

This bill specifies that the juvenile court may terminate the parent-child legal relationship under expedited procedures so long as certain conditions are met, including the child being under one year of age and both parents having waived their parental rights. In addition, the bill clarifies existing law concerning the expedited termination of parental rights including that a licensed child placement agency does not have a duty to respond to birth parents once certain conditions have been met. The bill is effective July 1, 2007.

Since the bill clarifies existing law and does not make substantive changes to court procedures involving the termination of parental rights, it is not expected to change workload requirements in the courts. Thus, it is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## **Departments Contacted**

Judicial Human Services