

HB 1933 -- RELATING TO ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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Currently law provides for circumstances in which a juvenile officer or the Children's Division may file a petition to terminate parental rights, including circumstances of abandonment. For the purposes of determining whether a child has been abandoned, the court is instructed to determine if certain events have occurred for a period of six months or longer. This bill modifies that time period pertaining to child abandonment to three months.

Additionally, current law specifies whose written consent is required in adoption proceedings involving a minor. Consents in all cases of adoption are to be executed no longer than six months before the date the petition for adoption is filed. This bill modifies that time period for execution of consent to three months.