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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN - PROCEEDINGS IN
FAMILY COURT

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14-1-30.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 14-1 entitled
2 "Proceedings in Family Court" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **~~14-1-30.2. Foster parents -Notice of court proceedings. Foster parents -- Court~~**
4 **proceedings. --** The department of children, youth and families shall provide notice to foster
5 parents, pre-adoptive parents or relatives providing care for a child of any review or hearing to be
6 held with respect to a child in the care of the department. The foster parents, pre-adoptive parents
7 or relatives providing care for a child ~~may~~ shall have the right to attend the hearing and file with
8 the court a report, either written or oral, for the purpose of conveying to the court information
9 relating to the best interest of the child. Upon the order of disposition of a child, foster parents,
10 pre-adoptive parents, or relatives providing care for a child shall be notified verbally and in
11 writing of the results of that order. Nothing in this section shall be construed to give the foster
12 parents, pre-adoptive parents or relatives providing care for a child legal standing as a party to the
13 petition.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would give foster parents, pre-adoptive parents or relatives providing care for a
2 child the right to attend hearings with respect to the child, file reports with the court and receive
3 verbal and written notice of the results of the hearing.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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