

Subject Guardianship for At-Risk Juveniles

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Overview

This bill would create a new guardianship procedure in the juvenile court for youths aged 18 to 21 to have a guardian appointed to meet the youth's needs or to protect the youth from trafficking or abuse.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Other matters relating to children.
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Provides jurisdiction for at-risk juvenile guardianships in the juvenile court.

2	Juvenile court guardianship.
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Provides definitions and petition requirements for an at-risk juvenile guardianship petition. Provides for a right to counsel in the guardianship proceeding in juvenile court and service and notice requirements for cases under this section. Provides that the court must issue an order for a juvenile guardianship when the juvenile and guardian both agree to the guardianship and it is in the juvenile's best interest and reunification with a parent is not viable due to abandonment, abuse, or neglect.

This section also provides for a new guardian to be appointed and for the guardianship to automatically terminate when the juvenile reaches the age of 21, or when the juvenile requests for the guardianship to end.