

ASSEMBLY, No. 398

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman HECK

1 AN ACT concerning child abuse and neglect and amending P.L.1974,
2 c.119.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 33 of P.L.1974, c.119 (C.9:6-8.53) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 33. a. If the order of disposition releases the child to the custody
10 of his parent or guardian responsible for his care at the time of the
11 filing of the complaint, the court may place the child under supervision
12 of the division or may enter an order of protection under section 35
13 **[hereof]** of P.L.1974, c.119 (C.9:6-8.55).

14 b. The court shall define permissible terms and conditions of
15 supervision under this section. The maximum duration of any such
16 term or condition shall not exceed a period of **[1 year]** two years,
17 unless the court finds at the conclusion of that period of **[1 year]** two
18 years, upon a hearing, that exceptional circumstances require an
19 extension thereof for an additional year.

20 (cf: P.L.1974, c.119, s.33)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill extends from one to two years the maximum duration of
28 the period for which the court may place a child, who has been
29 released to the custody of a parent or guardian after a dispositional
30 hearing on a complaint of child abuse or neglect, under the supervision
31 of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) of the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Department of Human Services (except for exceptional
2 circumstances).

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7 Extends maximum period of DYFS supervision of a child from one to
8 two years.