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Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to children removed from the custody of parents.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Develops alternative goals of care plans to include: Return to the home of the parent or guardian; relatives or foster care; adoption; guardianship; or independent living, if appropriate at age eighteen.

Provides that permanency planning is a process which should begin at the time that child welfare services are initially provided and should continue whenever a child is removed from parental custody.

Does not limit the ability of the agency to petition for termination of parental rights or guardianship.