

SB 6126-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the court to appoint an attorney for a child in a dependency proceeding six months after granting a petition to terminate the parent and child relationship and when there is no remaining parent with parental rights.

Requires the state, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, to pay the costs of legal services provided by the attorney.

Requires the office of civil legal aid to administer money appropriated by the legislature for legal services provided by the attorney.

Encourages counties to set caseloads as low as possible and account for the individual needs of the children in care.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.