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Abstract: Provides relative to the court's authority to dismiss a petition for families in need of services.

With regard to Families in Need of Services (FINS) proceedings, <u>present law</u> provides that all objections to the proceedings, including objections based on defects in the petition and defenses capable of determination as a matter of law, may be raised by motion to dismiss.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that upon a finding of grounds to dismiss the petition as provided for in <u>present law</u>, the court shall order that the petition be dismissed.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 763)