RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 226 (HB 184)

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Frieman

<u>Existing law</u> allows a suitable family member or other interested party to obtain an ex parte court order to participate in a continued custody hearing.

<u>New law</u> permits a suitable family member or other suitable individual to intervene in a continued custody hearing.

<u>New law</u> allows a family member or interested person to intervene in a child in need of care adjudication in a continued custody hearing.

<u>New law</u> defines "interested person" as any person with whom the child enjoys a close, established, significant relationship, yet not a blood relative, including a neighbor, godparent, teacher, or close friend of the parent.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 622(A); Adds Ch.C. Art. 650)